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26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

Deputy P. Daly, TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare St, Dublin 2

PQ Number: 15593/21

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

**PQ:** To ask the Minister for Health the total number and cost of each of hip replacement and knee replacement surgeries, respectively referred from University Hospital Kerry to private hospitals in Kerry for each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. -Pa Daly

UHK has referred no orthopaedic joint replacement surgery (Hip or Knee) to private hospitals in 2018 or 2019.

In 2020, UHK referred 94 orthopaedic surgical procedures (Hip and knee replacement) to private services under the NTPF model.

UHK cannot comment on the pricing of these procedures as this information is confidential between the NTPF and the private providers.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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