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Deputy Robert Troy,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

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“To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify details on the pain relief outpatients waiting list report as listed on the NTPF website; his views on whether the numbers listed cannot be correct given that Children's Health Ireland is not taking referrals; and if he will rectify the age groups listings which are 0 to 16, 16 to 64 and over 65 years of age given that Children's Health Ireland has agreed to keep all chronic pain patients until 18 years of age”

Dear Deputy Troy,

I refer to your parliamentary question above to which I have been asked to provide a response.

The Complex Pain service is transitioning to a new model of rehabilitative Multidisciplinary care following the recent appointments. As part of this service, all existing patients were seen by the Complex Pain Team to ensure that a treatment plan was in place.

In terms of new referrals, the Complex Pain team are currently reviewing and triaging any referrals that have been made over the last number of months and will be in contact with the patients to detail the new service and to complete any additional information that can assist in the review of any new patient to the service.

The Complex Pain Team will continue to care for any patient that is over the age of 16 until they are accepted by the Adult Pain service.

Yours sincerely,

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