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Deputy Eoin O'Brion
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

RE: To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a clinic for children diagnosed with retinoblastoma; the reason the previous clinic at CHI Temple Street Children's University Hospital was discontinued; and the number of children with this diagnosis currently in the State.

Dear Deputy O'Brion

I refer to your recent PQ which has have been forwarded to me for attention.

There is an on-going dedicated clinic every week in Temple Street for patients who either have had or are having on going treatment for retinoblastoma. Siblings of these patients who are at risk of developing Retinoblastoma are also seen in this clinic.

There are 85 patients currently in this service. They are prioritised and their appointments are always on time and never delayed. There is on average 2-3 new cases a year. Treatment is shared between Temple Street, Crumlin and Birmingham (Centre of excellence treating on average 50 cases a year). Once treatment is complete on-going monitoring is required and this is carried out only in Temple Street.

Some cases of Retinoblastoma, when advanced require removal of the eye and hence need an ocular prosthesis. As the children are growing this prosthesis needs to be remade every one to two years.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Your sincerely

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