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Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost of increasing the opening hours at the urgent care centre at Children's Health Ireland Connolly from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday to 8am to 9pm seven days a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

The Connolly Urgent Care Centre is planned to open from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week when fully operational. Currently it is open 8am to 6pm, five days a week and are working to a seven day week in early 2022. Operations will subsequently be extended to the longer opening hours in later 2022.

On the basis of our current cost base we expect that the move to full operating hours will cost approximately €2.25m additional per annum, above the current level of expenditure. The additional spend is within the original budget for the facility when fully operational.

Yours sincerely

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