

6th December 2021

Deputy Sorca Clarke T.D.,
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Re: PQ 58518/21 – Consultant paediatric orthopaedic surgeon, RHM

“To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the recruitment of an additional full-time consultant paediatric orthopaedic surgeon for Mullingar Regional Hospital.”

Dear Deputy Clarke,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the recruitment of an additional consultant paediatric orthopaedic surgeon in Regional Hospital Mullingar, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that there is currently no Consultant Paediatric Surgeon employed in Regional Hospital Mullingar. While there is a Paediatric Department at Regional Hospital Mullingar it does not have an Orthopaedic Department. The regional Orthopaedic Unit is based in Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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