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**PQ Ref: 43428/21** - To ask the Minister for Health the number of minors on dialysis to date in 2021 as compared to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ Ref: 43429/21** - To ask the Minister for Health the number of minors awaiting a kidney transplant; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

**Response:**

The establishment of Children's Health Ireland Group has overall responsibility for paediatric services currently provided by Dublin's three children's hospitals. Paediatric patients receive their specialised dialysis care and attention from a multidisciplinary team in Nephrology units at either Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin or at Temple Street Children's University Hospital.

Dialysis is provided as either hospital based haemodialysis or home based peritoneal dialysis. Paediatric haemodialysis treatment requires specialised haemodialysis machines, dialysis treatment sets and specially trained paediatric nurses. It is currently provided in the National paediatric haemodialysis centres in Temple Street CUH. It is important to point out that the majority of children who develop severe kidney failure are treated by renal transplantation.

The NRO publishes national dialysis and transplant activity annually on its website. This documents that 5 patients were receiving hospital based Paediatric Haemodialysis and 13 patients were receiving Peritoneal dialysis in their own home on the 1 January 2021. 55 children were living with a successful kidney transplant.

This year to date (end of August 2021), NRO data shows a total of 19 children are currently receiving dialysis treatment. Five children have received a kidney transplant in 2021 up to end of August 2021. Eight children are currently deemed medically fit for transplantation and are on the kidney transplant waiting list.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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