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Deputy David Cullinane
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Dear Deputy Cullinane

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

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline all of the additional funding that has been made available to Children's Health Ireland and Cappagh Hospital for services in Crumlin Hospital, Connolly, Temple Street, Cappagh and Tallaght Hospitals for paediatric orthopaedics in each of the years 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022, by year, hospital, by amount and the areas or items on which the additional funding is for; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

An investment of €4.6 million was made by the HSE in 2018 and €7.2 million annually thereafter for the period 2019-2022 for Paediatric Orthopaedic services in Children's Health Ireland (CHI).

This formed part of the implementation of the Scoliosis 10 Point Plan. An additional 60.3 WTE posts were funded and appointed across CHI, including strengthening the Orthopaedic Multi-Disciplinary Team with Nursing, Psychology, Consultants & Health and Social Care Professionals. Outside of CHI, investment was made in Cappagh Hospital, the Mater Hospital and in several initiatives to access private hospitals and treatment abroad in hospitals in the UK and Germany.

Additional MRI capacity, dedicated trauma support and anaesthesia was implemented in CHI at Crumlin. Transition pathways for adolescents from CHI to the Mater Hospital Spinal Services were agreed and supported and advocacy engagements were held in collaboration with the Co-Design Group. The impact of this investment included a decrease in the CHI Spinal Waiting List by 27% (Jan-Dec 2018), waiting time greater than 4 months decreased by 41% for Spinal Fusions & 71% for "Other Spinal" (Jan-Dec 2018). In January 2020 (pre-pandemic) there were 147 patients waiting for Scoliosis treatment in CHI, 70% waiting less than 4 months.

More recently additional funding has been allocated to support an expansion of theatre beds and diagnostic capacity in CHI Hospitals which will contribute towards reducing waiting times



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for all our children including orthopedics. Separate from CHI Cappagh Hospital has received a funding allocation. See Table 1 below.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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CHI REVENUE COSTS	
	€m
Additional Beds (24 Crumlin & Temple st)	3.90
Additional critical care (2 HDU Crumlin)	0.80
Theatre Expansion	tbc
Additional MRI Staffing & Lease costs	0.65
Cappagh costs	3.40
TOTAL REVENUE	8.75
CHI CAPITAL COSTS	
CHI MRI	2.42
5th Theatre Temple street	0.87
Additional beds Crumlin	0.62
5th Theatre Temple street equipment	0.27
TOTAL CAPITAL	4.18
OUTSOURCING	
IPDC Tender	1.50
Radiology outsourcing	0.64
Outsourcing - subject to tendering	2.14m

In Addition: Cappagh NOH Funding = 3.4m