



Children's Health Ireland

Sláinte Leanaí Éireann (SLÉ), Herberton, Siúlán San Séamas, Rialto, D08 HP97, Éire
Children's Health Ireland (CHI), Herberton, St James's Walk, Rialto, D08 HP97 Ireland

Our Ref: PQ/6218/22

3rd March 2022

Deputy Catherine Murphy
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Murphy

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

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded paediatric intensive care unit beds in the public health system at the end of each of the years from 2018 to 2021; and the projected number for the end of 2022 and 2023.

At each year end - 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Children's Health Ireland (CHI) had 32 paediatric intensive care unit (PICU) beds.

In 2022, CHI currently has 32 PICU beds funded and fully operational. It is predicted that this number of (PICU) beds will be open at year end 2022 and 2023. Once we transfer to the New Children's Hospital in 2024 we will have the availability of 60 PICU beds (inclusive of 18 Neonatal intensive care unit beds, 22 Critical intensive care unit beds 20 PICU beds).

There are close monitoring and neonatal High dependency unit beds in some specialised ward areas in CHI however they are outside the governance of the intensive care team.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Joe Gannon
Chief Operations Officer
Email: joe.gannon@nchg.ie