



Children's Health Ireland

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Children's Health Ireland (CHI), Herberton, St James's Walk, Rialto, D08 HP97 Ireland

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**Deputy Pa Daly**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Daly

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

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide on-site accommodation for those parents and children who must travel more than 50 km to Crumlin for care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

I have followed up with Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin and can advise that there are a number of options for parents who need to stay onsite with their children as set out below.

It is important to note that CHI at Crumlin does not impose distance limits to accommodation provision as we recognise that parents want to be able to stay with their children on site, irrespective of their normal place of residence.

**In ward:**

90% of the wards in CHI at Crumlin have rooming in facilities with purpose-built parent beds which will allow the parent to sleep in the clinical room with their child, where possible and clinically permitted. Parents can use the shower and kitchen facilities at ward level or make use of these facilities within the Parent's Accommodation Unit. At present, clinical rooms can only accommodate one parent sleeping with the child. There is no charge for sleeping facilities in the ward areas.

**Parent's Accommodation Unit:**

The Parent's Accommodation Unit in CHI at Crumlin has 44 onsite bedrooms. These comprise of twin, double and single rooms. The communal areas of this unit are equipped with ladies and gents' bathrooms along with shower and kitchen facilities. Parent's Accommodation rooms are allocated on a priority basis for parents whose children are in Intensive Care, which does not provide parent in-room sleeping facilities. Staff in Parent's Accommodation work closely with the multi-disciplinary teams across the hospital to ensure that rooms in Parent's Accommodation are allocated to parents most at need for this support.



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Parent's Accommodation starts at €18 per night and special rates apply for medical card holders.

**Family Accommodation:**

CHI at Crumlin provides very limited family accommodation through our two houses which are located on the Crumlin Road. Due to Covid restrictions, only one family at a time can stay in these houses. Family Rooms are charged at a rate of €30 per night.

**Ronald McDonald House:**

Ronald McDonald House is on site and operated by the Ronald McDonald charity. For more information, please contact [ronaldhouse@rmhc.ie](mailto:ronaldhouse@rmhc.ie).

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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