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Deputy Catherine Murphy

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

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Re: PQ ref 40580/22 – *To ask the Minister for Health the progress in respect of establishing a stem cell blood bank in the State; and if he and or his officials have engaged with any of the teaching universities on same.*

Dear Deputy Murphy,

St James's Hospital offers an adult Stem Cell programme for the specific purposes of adult bone marrow transplantation. The hospital does not provide any paediatric services and recommends that Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin are contacted in this regard.

St James's Hospital does not operate a specific Cord Stem Cell Banking service. The Cord Stem Cell Bank was traditionally operated by the Irish Blood Transfusion Service (IBTS) where the IBTS worked with maternity hospitals in relation to the collection, processing and storage of cords collected at birth. Queries relating to cord stem cells should be directed to the IBTS.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Noel Gorman

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