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PQ 12742/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all funded and currently available intensive care unit beds for paediatric orthopaedics and planned additional beds up to year end 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter – David Cullinane

PQ 12741/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all funded and available intensive care unit beds for paediatric orthopaedics up to the year end 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I wish to advise you that all paediatric ICU beds are general and are allocated depending on the clinical need of the child.

Children's Health Ireland have advised that there are 23 paediatric critical care beds in CHI at Crumlin and 9 paediatric critical care beds in CHI at Temple Street.

I am also advised that patients who receive spinal fusions who are deemed appropriate to go back to the ward following surgery have nurses on a 1:2 ratio for the first 24 hours.

I trust this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,

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