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**Deputy David Cullinane,
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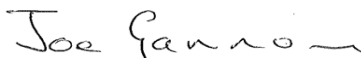
Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all funded and currently available HDU beds for paediatric Orthopaedics and any planned additional beds up to year end 2022.

In 2022, Children's Health Ireland (CHI) currently has 32 Paediatric Intensive Care beds funded and fully operational across CHI. These beds can operate as Paediatric Intensive Care or High Dependency Unit (HDU) beds but are not dedicated to paediatric orthopaedic patients and are allocated on clinical need. There are close monitoring beds in some specialised ward areas in CHI and these are outside the governance of the intensive care team. It is planned that there will be 4 additional close monitoring orthopaedic beds (not HDU) in St Joseph's Ward in CHI at Crumlin by the end of 2022.

Yours sincerely,



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