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Deputy Colm Burke

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 14703/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of removing paediatric outpatient charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Burke,

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

Please find below, as requested, a breakdown of the estimated out-patient charges for Children's Health Ireland hospitals only provided by HSE Finance. I am advised that Finance are unable to identify the income from out-patient charges where paediatric services are co-located with adult services. Therefore, it is not possible to establish the total cost to abolish paediatric out-patients statutory charges.

Income from Out-Patient Charges in CHI Group (€m)	Actual 2020	Budget 2021
Statutory Out-Patient Charges	1.93	1.61

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory

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