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**Re: PQ 14805/22– Cardiac Surgery, Mater Hospital**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for children who require follow-on cardiac surgery in the Mater Hospital, Dublin following a previous surgery which resulted in an adverse outcome and has therefore necessitated a second surgery.”**

Dear Deputy Crowe,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on follow-on cardiac surgery for children in the Mater Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that there is no child cardiac surgery service in the Mater Hospital. Children (less than 16 years old) with congenital heart conditions are operated on in CHI at Crumlin Hospital. Between 16 and 18 years of age children are transitioned to the adult congenital cardiac service at the Mater Hospital.

These adults with congenital heart conditions may require further surgery or interventions in the Mater Hospital. These further interventions or surgeries in the Mater Hospital are related in most cases to disease progression rather than adverse outcome as described in the PQ question.

In respect of waiting times, not all children are transitioned to the Mater Congenital program for two reasons

1. They do not need long term follow up; or
2. They are followed in the private sector or by non congenital cardiologist.

Capacity in the Mater Adult congenital program to care for all the patients that need to transition to the adult congenital service is challenging, as the number of patients being followed / managed increases every year, with the improving survival of patients with congenital heart disease.



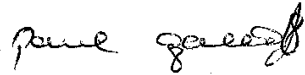
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The adult congenital cardiac service in the Mater is the only service in the country for adult patients with congenital heart disease and therefore patients do have longer wait times to access the adult congenital services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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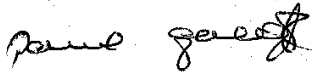
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To reduce waiting times, the National Gender Service has submitted business cases for additional staff and clinical space that will meet the increase in demand. These business cases rest within the Acute Hospital and Mental Health Divisions of the HSE. Decisions on these business cases are pending. If these business cases are approved then the National Gender Service will proceed to recruitment and will reduce the waiting list to a matter of months rather than years.

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