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RE: PQ 27641/22

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no unit for the treatment of intestinal failure in adults in Ireland and up to 100 people are diagnosed with intestinal failure in Ireland every year and must travel to England for treatment; and if he will engage with the HSE to pursue the establishment of this unit, particularly when one exists for children in Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin.

Dear Deputy Calleary,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Gastroenterology and Hepatology (NCP G&H) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The NCP G&H has five work streams, one of which is complex nutrition. The NCP G&H working group tasked with progressing NCP G&H's complex nutrition workstream is actively developing a care pathway for patients with Intestinal Failure (IF). There is currently no dedicated adult service in the Republic of Ireland (ROI) to manage this patient cohort. It is hoped that the pathway currently under development by the NCP G&H working group will highlight ways to improve care for this patient cohort.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager