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Deputy Thomas Pringle
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PQ 54264/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that will be allocated funding for obesity surgery in 2023; the number of such procedures to be funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Thomas Pringle

PQ 54263/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE Service Plan for 2023 will include funding for obesity surgery; the number of such procedures to be funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Thomas Pringle

Dear Deputy Pringle,

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 have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A letter of approval for recurrent funding for adult obesity management, including obesity surgery, has been issued to St. Vincent's, St. Columcille's, Galway University Hospital, and Mallow General Hospital. A letter of approval for recurrent funding for children's obesity management, including obesity surgery, has also been issued to CHI Temple Street. Recruitment is underway and activity is expected to commence in 2023 to deliver approximately 500 procedures nationally per annum.

The HSE Service Plan for 2023 will include €6.4m in funding for obesity management, including obesity surgery. This funding was approved in 2022 and will enable the health service to recruit 60 full-time WTE's to deliver approximately 500 procedures and up to 1000 new outpatient appointments.

I trust this answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,

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