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Deputy Jennifer Whitmore
Dáil Eireann
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Dear Deputy Whitmore

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

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of tracheotomy nurses in paediatric orthopaedics in the CHI; the number of tracheotomy nurses available in the CHI in total, by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) has a large number of tracheostomy trained nurses across CHI at Temple Street and CHI at Crumlin. These nurses are primarily allocated to areas of the hospital that care for these children on a regular basis such as infant and ear, nose, throat (ENT) wards, the Transitional Care department and Intensive Care.

Should a patient be admitted outside of these clinical areas due to other specialised nursing needs, such as orthopaedics, then experienced tracheostomy staff are either mobilised to this area to care for the patient appropriately, or a nurse educator/specialist will stand up a bespoke training programme for the staff in this specific ward.

Yours sincerely

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