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Our Ref: PQ 42133/22

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Deputy Johnny Guirke Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Guirke

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

To ask the Minister for Health the amount recovered through the use of debt collectors and or debt collection agencies in respect of the collection of fees and charges for inpatient and day services on patients attending hospitals managed by Children's Health Ireland in each of the years 2015 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

## Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) have reviewed your PQ and the information you require prior to 2018 is not attainable from CHI's administration system.

I have set out here-under the information that CHI can provide. Please note that the debt collection remittances do not differentiate between Inpatient and Day Cases.

Debt recovered	Total amount collected
2018	€533,729
2019	€259,305
2020	€210,088
2021	€221,220

Intrum Ireland Ltd ceased the debt collection service for CHI in December 2020. Subsequently, a tender was completed in quarter 3 2021. CHI commenced business with Credit Management Outsource Solutions (CMOS) in January 2022.

Yours sincerely

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