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**Deputy Aodhan O'Riordain**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy O'Riordain

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

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for boys waiting on an operation for hypospadias; the number of children that have now passed the age of two years, by which they should normally have been treated; the average age for a child still waiting for an operation; the number of surgeons performing the operation in Ireland; the discrepancies, if any, that exist in waiting list times for children based on geographical areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

### **Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response**

I have followed up with Children's Health Ireland (CHI) and set out here-under the information which you require.

#### **CHI at Crumlin**

Of the 49 hypospadias patients treated in theatre at CHI at Crumlin in 2022 up to the end of September, 12 of these patients were waiting less than 12 months and 37 were waiting greater than 12 months. This high level summary does not take into account clinical factors that may have had an effect on surgery dates.

As of the end of September 2022, there were 64 patients waiting on an operation for hypospadias over the age of 2 years. The average age for a child waiting for an operation for hypospadias is 4.

#### **CHI at Temple Street**

Of the 25 hypospadias patients treated in theatre at CHI at Temple Street in 2022 up to the end of September, 9 of these patients waited under 12 months for surgery and 16 waited longer than 12 months. This high level summary does not take into account clinical factors that may have had an effect on surgery dates.



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As of the end of September 2022, There were 31 patients waiting on an operation for hypospadias over the age of 2 years. The average age for a child waiting for an operation for hypospadias is 4.

In CHI, there are a total of five surgeons performing operations for hypospadias.

From a CHI perspective, there would be no discrepancies in waiting list times for children based on geographical areas. All children are treated in order of clinical urgency followed by the length of time waiting.

It is our understanding that apart from CHI, a very small number of operations for hypospadias are being done in Cork University Hospital.

Yours sincerely

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