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PQ8809/23\* *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons aged 0-24 years of age who have travelled outside of the Republic of Ireland for specialised cancer treatment not available in Ireland in 2022 via the HSE treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

In general the Treatment Abroad Scheme which is based on EU Regulation 883/2004 allows a public patient in Ireland apply for funding to access healthcare in the public healthcare system of another EU/EEA country, the UK or Switzerland. Applications for funding are subject to specific criteria including that the treatment is not available in Ireland, the treatment is a proven form of treatment, the treatment will be provided in a recognised public hospital, etc.

I can confirm that 19 patients, aged between 0-24 years of age were approved for funding, under the Treatment Abroad Scheme in 2022 for treatment of cancer.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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