



Ref: PQ 35056/23

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**Deputy David Cullinane**  
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Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

**PQ 35056/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis and spina bifida who had surgeries cancelled from 2018 to date, broken down by month, by year, by hospital and by procedure, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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

Please see attached the data you require from Children's Health Ireland (CHI).

The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) have advised that they do not have any data on surgery cancellations for scoliosis and spina bifida patients. They have advised however that they are confident there have been no cancellations.

Yours sincerely

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