



Ref: PQ 35350/23

14th August 2023

Deputy Michael Ring
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Ring

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

PQ 35350/23 - To ask the Minister for Health how many children are waiting for an initial review/assessment for scoliosis in Crumlin Hospital at the present time; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Thank you for clarifying by email on 11th July that for the purpose of this PQ you are seeking details on patients awaiting a first appointment with an Orthopaedic Consultant.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin have advised that there are currently 444 children waiting on a first outpatient (OPD) appointment for scoliosis. All Children referred with scoliosis are triaged by the consultants and appointments are issued as per CHI OPD guidelines and Consultant availability. Urgent referrals are prioritised however, first clinic appointment varies among consultants.

Yours sincerely

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