



Ref: PQ 31323/23

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Deputy Paul Murphy
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Murphy

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention.

PQ 31323/23: To ask the Minister for Health what consent processes regarding spinal operation cases are followed at Crumlin Hospital and Temple Street.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that children undergoing spinal operations in CHI undergo a robust informed consent process in keeping with the HSE Consent Policy. The consent is taken in person and is written and all the possible risks and complications are explained to the parents/guardian or patient where appropriate. All risks are discussed by the relevant clinicians including anaesthetic risks and risks from the surgery itself.

CHI has a standard consent form that is used and this is signed by both the clinician and the parents/guardian or child, where appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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