



Ref: PQ 38043/23

20 September 2023

Deputy Róisín Shortall
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Shortall

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

PQ 38043/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who have attended genetic counselling services in Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin for each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

The Clinical Genetics service, based in Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin, continues to offer a comprehensive clinical service offering appointments to adults, children, pregnant women and their families, offering urgent and non-urgent appointments. It has evolved over the years and now manages the clinical workload in a number of ways including working with mainstream specialists in a multidisciplinary team setting (to promote mainstreaming and earlier genomic testing), giving advice by telephone and letter, and by active triaging ensuring that those eligible for the service are seen in an appropriate time frame. The service has also experienced, during the time periods below, significant fluctuating staffing levels impacting on capacity.

Department of Clinical Genetics CHI at Crumlin						
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (data up to 31/08/2023)
Appointments offered	3348	3780	3717	3979	5629	3886
Appointments attended	2455	2752	2884	3158	4259	2951
Did not attend (DNA)	8.57%	8.72%	6.12%	7.85%	9.90%	9.76%

Please note that appointments totaled above are for the whole clinical team including both Consultant Geneticist and Genetic Counsellor clinics.

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