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Deputy Catherine Murphy Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Murphy

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 15555/24 – To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be approved for the recruitment of two additional WTE clinical nurse specialists for children with Down's syndrome to be based at CHI Tallaght.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland can advise that we are committed to working with the HSE to develop integrated care pathways, aligned with the model of care for paediatrics. Developments in nursing services, inclusive of additional clinical nurse specialists roles for children with Down's syndrome are under consideration.

Yours sincerely

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