



Ref: PQ 7426/24

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Deputy Denis Naughten
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Naughten

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

PQ 7426/24 – To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the future location of the main laboratory for genetic testing in Ireland which is currently housed at CHI Crumlin; the reason this is not being accommodated in the new Children's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that the plans for the future location of the main laboratory for genetic testing in Ireland remains with the HSE.

At the time of the design of the new children's hospital a national solution was proposed for genetics. In 2022 a feasibility study showed that the required space was not available in the new children's hospital.

The CHI clinical genetics laboratory currently located at CHI at Crumlin will remain operational on the CHI at Crumlin site for a period of time.

Yours sincerely

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