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Ms Pauline Tully T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 22943/24: To ask the Minister for Health to identify the specialist vascular surgery treatments that are not provided within the State and for which patients are sent to the UK or elsewhere abroad; and the actions that are being taken to provide these surgeries within the State.

Dear Deputy Tully,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above which has been forwarded to me for reply. I have also liaised with the office of the Chief Clinical Officer in order to respond to your Parliamentary Question.

In general the Treatment Abroad Scheme allows consultants treating a patient in a public capacity in Ireland to refer the public patient abroad (to a public hospital/facility) for treatment which is not available in Ireland or which is not available within a clinically necessary timeframe.

Your parliamentary question relates to vascular surgery treatments. On this basis the information being provided relates to vascular surgery treatment only. The vascular surgeries for which the Treatment Abroad Scheme has received applications since 2021 are:

- Targeted Deep Venous Ablation + Embolisation
- Stent Recanalization
- Explant of Stents & Aortic Reconstruction
- Resection of AV Malformation
- Surgical Repair of Anogenital Granulomatosis/Surgical Debulking
- Thoracic Outlet Decompression
- Sclerotherapy +/- Embolization +/- surgical resection
- Liposuction
- Venoplasty
- Rib Resection
- Surgical Debulking
- Targeted Deep Venous Ablation & Embolisation

Please note that some treatments may be available in Ireland and may be outside the competencies of our services due to the complexity of the patient.

However the majority of these conditions can be treated by vascular surgeons in Ireland and therefore, it would be advised that anyone with one of these conditions be referred to an Irish vascular surgeon in the first instance who could advise management accordingly

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,



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