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Deputy Marie Sherlock
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Re: PQ Ref 19203/25

Question: To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure the extension of the national orthopaedic joint register to paediatric patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Sherlock

The Irish National Orthopaedic Register (INOR), is funded by the HSE by the National Centre for Clinical Audit, National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate. The National Office for Clinical Audit (NOCA) are commissioned annually to undertake this work on behalf of the HSE and there is a service level arrangement in place for this.

The first report was published in 2021 and includes data that were gathered from the commencement of the Register on 1 December 2014 until 31 July 2019.

[Irish National Orthopaedic Register report.](#)

The register currently captures data on patients who have a hip or knee replacement (arthroplasty) in the participating hospitals. This means that any paediatric patients who undergo hip or knee arthroplasty in the participating hospitals are recorded in the register.

To the best of our knowledge, there are no hip or knee arthroplasty being performed on paediatric patients in hospitals that do not participate in INOR. As such, the current structure of INOR effectively ensures that the relevant data for paediatric patients is already being captured.

Yours sincerely,

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