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PQ 6729/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who travelled abroad under the EU cross-Border directive for treatment for endometriosis in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

In general the Cross Border Directive (CBD) allows public patients in Ireland to access healthcare in the public or private sector of the EU/EEA which the patient would have been entitled to as a public patient in Ireland. The patient pays for the treatment and claims reimbursement upon return to Ireland. Reimbursement is at the cost of the treatment abroad or the cost in Ireland whichever is the lesser.

Please note data is not collated by procedure as you have requested, rather it is collated by general speciality. Service users seeking endometriosis related treatment under the Cross Border Directive (CBD) may access various general specialties including but not limited to; general surgery, gynaecology, pain management and urology. Therefore I am unable to provide the level of data which has been requested.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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