



Ref: PQ 38743/25

08th September 2025

Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan

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

PQ 38743/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the reason allogeneic transplant for paediatric cancer patients is not currently available at CHI at Crumlin under the National Children's Cancer Service; when this service will be restored; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

CHI's highest priority is providing timely and safe access to quality care for children and young people with cancer, and ensuring their care and safety. A small number of children are currently accessing specific types of bone marrow transplant in other centres abroad with other types of transplants continuing in CHI. CHI is planning to recommence this type of bone marrow treatment in CHI at Crumlin, and is progressing the associated supports necessary to safely proceed.

CHI coordinates referrals to Specialist Paediatric Transplant Centres for patients on an ongoing basis, when it is clinically appropriate for a patient to travel. Children are referred and accepted in these centres based on their individual needs, clinical triage and timing.

Where children are referred abroad for specialist treatment CHI works closely with the HSE's Treatment Abroad Scheme and other organisations, to support families.

Yours sincerely

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