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Leinster House
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To ask the Minister for Health whether the HSE or the Department of Health will be funding the costs needed to roll out nasopharyngeal airway management training for parents in paediatric cases at Cork University Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kenny

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Cork University Hospital works in conjunction with CHI Crumlin to manage the complex and challenging patient group requiring Nasopharyngeal airway. Initial evaluation, stabilisation and management of these patients is best directed by our ENT, anaesthetic, ICU, and neonatal colleagues including multidisciplinary team at CHI Crumlin.

They have the expertise to assess and manage these patients and also have the expertise to train parents in care of nasopharyngeal airway. Cork University Hospital is ready to provide support for these patients and their parents when they are stable enough to be relocated to Cork.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Kearney
Chief Executive Officer