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Ref: PQ 40590/25

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Deputy David Cullinane Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your parliamentary question below which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 40590/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointments offered and children seen following the audit into pelvic osteotomies at Children's Health Ireland; whether any surgeries have been determined as unnecessary; whether any effort has been made to determine whether any surgeries were necessary or unnecessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can confirm that up to and including the most recent DDH review clinic held on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of July, a total of 139 appointments were offered, of which 100 were attended.

We understand this is an extremely stressful time and we are working as quickly as possible to see all children impacted by the audit.

The independent panel review will determine if surgery was indicated for each child, and this review is in development by the HSE.

Yours sincerely

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