



Ref: PQ 42558/25

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Deputy Marie Sherlock
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Sherlock

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

PQ 42558/25 – To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of audiology and newborn hearing screenings will be made available in the new children's hospital campus near to neonatology wards; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Routine newborn screening is not part of the Audiology service in the National Children's Hospital Ireland (NCHI) and Northgate Public Services provide screening services nationally.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can confirm that Audiology services will be provided in the NCHI within the Outpatient Department for those children who are referred to the service. Where audiology testing is required by a neonate who is an inpatient, it should ideally be carried out in Audiology.

The wards and units in which neonates will be cared for within the NCHI, are accessible by lift from the Audiology Department. If a neonate is unable to travel to Audiology, the equipment can be taken to the ward.

Yours sincerely

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