



Ref: PQ 29492/25

24th June 2025

Deputy Pádraig Rice
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Rice

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

PQ 29492/25 – To ask the Minister for Health if any surgeons are contesting the findings of the developmental dysplasia of the hip audit by Children's Health Ireland and the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh; if any of the 14 surgeons whose cases were audited have been placed on leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise those involved in the anonymised audit, had the opportunity to feedback on the findings. The auditor made a number of recommendations, which are fully accepted and will be implemented across CHI. Surgeons across all sites will work together and make decisions using shared evidence-based criteria. External experts have been appointed to guide this work, and cross-site multidisciplinary meetings are in place.

Yours sincerely

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