



Ref: PQ 31034/25

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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.

PQ 31034/25 – To ask the Minister for Health if non-consultant doctors were seeing children with suspected hip dysplasia since 2019; the role such doctors had; if non-consultant doctors at any point diagnosed children with hip dysplasia; if concerns were raised by consultants in relation to the use of non-consultant doctors regarding children with hip dysplasia; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that non-consultant doctors are an integral part of our clinical teams, including orthopaedics. In their role, they will be required to see and manage all children with orthopaedic concerns, including children with suspected hip dysplasia. All orthopaedic non-consultant doctors in Children's Health Ireland work under the supervision of a consultant.

Yours sincerely

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