



Ref: PQ 31120/25

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Deputy David Cullinane
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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 31120/25 – To ask the Minister for Health if any risk assessment was carried out in the oncology general surgery service at CHI since 2020 to date, if a high red risk was identified in any assessment carried out; the nature of the risk identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that a risk assessment was carried out in the oncology general surgery service in August 2021. The Risk Rating was 20 (Red risk).

The Risk related to continuity of the oncology surgery service due to the lack of a second surgeon impacting the multidisciplinary team (MDT) and surgical support and resilience in providing surgery, should the single-handed surgeon be unavailable.

The Risk was closed in July 2024 as a second surgeon was appointed.

Yours sincerely

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