



Ref: PQ 23022/25

13th June 2025

Deputy Gary Gannon
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Gannon

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 23022/25 – To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that CHI introduces protocols requiring that parental concerns, particularly those regarding surgical risks are formally documented and reviewed as part of informed consent processes for high-risk paediatric interventions; 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 new "CHI Consent to Treatment or Investigation Form" has been developed and it will replace the current consent forms across CHI shortly.

This form has been developed in line with the National Consent Policy, published in December 2022 and amended in January 2024 (v1.2), and is consistent with international best practice. A group of 25 stakeholders, including two patient advocates, analysed and compared consent forms from multiple international centres of excellence to assist in the development of this form.

This form has been reviewed and feedback received from the HSE National Consent Policy Group. Content has been approved by the "New CHI Consent Form Development Group", CHI Data Protection Office and QSRM Executive Committee. It is compliant with the Joint Commission international consent standards.

Yours sincerely

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