



Ref: PQ 23030/25

13<sup>th</sup> 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 23030/25 – To ask the Minister for Health to outline the current governance and accountability structures overseeing paediatric cardiology services within Children's Health Ireland; to confirm whether independent clinical audits are routinely undertaken in cases involving rare complications; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

**Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that it submits data to the National Institute for Cardiovascular Outcomes Research (NICOR) annually and our results are benchmarked against the 11 centres in the British Isles. This data is published either annually or bi-annually and is available online at <https://www.nicor.org.uk/>.

I can advise that CHI has weekly Multidisciplinary Team meetings to discuss complex cases and all cases requiring surgical intervention. In addition, we have a weekly meeting to review the previous weeks cases and also, discuss the upcoming catheter and surgical cases for the week ahead.

CHI also has a monthly Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Cardiac morbidity and mortality meeting (M&M) and a quarterly surgical and Catheter departmental M&M.

Yours sincerely

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