



Ref: PQ 23647/25

11<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Deputy Grace Boland**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Boland

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 23647/25 – To ask the Minister for Health to request the HSE to review and put in place a referral pathway for patients and key resources, to make more use of the Children's Health Ireland Urgent Care Centre at Connolly Hospital particularly for children and parents from the Fingal area, pending the closure Temple Street Children's Hospital in the coming years; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

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

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that the model of care for Emergency and Urgent Care when the New Children's Hospital open is complete. There will be Urgent Care Centre's (UCC) in CHI at Connolly and CHI at Tallaght and the main Emergency Department (ED) in the New Children's Hospital on the St. James Hospital site.

The Urgent Care Centre's will be appointment-led and have a specified attendance criteria to ensure that the right patient is seen in the right place. Patients can attend the UCC with or without a referral letter. Patients from all areas in Dublin may attend one of the UCCs. This will reduce the workload in the main ED site.

Yours sincerely

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