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PQ 25816/25- To ask the Minister for Health if osteotomies conducted on children at locations other than Temple Street, Crumlin, and Cappagh hospitals will be considered in any further review of cases and surgical practice following the clinical audit at the aforementioned hospitals; if not, whether an audit will be conducted across other departments or hospitals to ascertain whether they should be included; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your representation.

Following publication of the Independent External Medical Audit for Children's Health Ireland and National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh on Indications for Pelvic Osteotomy in Children with Developmental Hip Dysplasia, the HSE sought assurance in regard to osteotomies conducted on children at locations other than Temple Street, Crumlin, and Cappagh hospitals. All sites where DDH surgery takes place operate in line with the approach taken in CHI Crumlin where the external expert found that surgeons there performed pelvic osteotomies, mostly for children with previously treated DDH, that are reasonably indicated, according to consensus published radiological and clinical criteria. As such the HSE does not intend to conduct a retrospective audit at those sites at this time.

However, REOs and Regional Clinical Directors have been made aware of report findings and wider applicability of report recommendations.

In accordance with the Report recommendations CHI are working with international experts to agree criteria for surgical intervention in DDH surgery, and these criteria will be applied on all sites.

The HSE is also developing a Registry for DDH which will support future audit and clinical governance in this area

I hope this provides you with some assistance.



Yours sincerely

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