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Deputy Alan Kelly
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ ref 55106/25 - To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be secured to establish a national chronic intestinal failure centre here, which is already established in the United Kingdom and other European countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kelly,

St James's Hospital (SJH) submitted a business case in 2016 for the establishment of a national intestinal failure specialist unit for adults (hub and spoke model), which was not fully approved. A limited number of posts in the business case were approved; a consultant shared with Children's Health Ireland (CHI), a clinical nurse specialist, a clinical nutritionist and an administrator. The current service provided supports intestinal failure rehabilitation for transition patients from CHI and a rehabilitation service for SJH patients. The service has received no additional resources to date.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Aisling Collins
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