



Ref: PQ 56544/25

03rd November 2025

Deputy Paul Lawless
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Lawless

I refer to your parliamentary question below.

PQ 56544/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of children being recalled for clinical review following the CHI hip dysplasia audit; and to clarify whether this includes surgeries performed prior to 2021, given that over 2,200 letters have already been issued to families.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) clinical review process has been established to review the relevant cohorts of patients who underwent surgery in CHI at Temple Street, from 2010.

CHI can advise that updates in relation to the Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH) audit, including the number of patients recalled clinical review are published in our monthly updates on our website: [Update on Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip \(DDH\) audit recommendations and actions, October 2025 | Children's Health Ireland](#). This is updated and published on the first Friday of every month.

We are contacting families to arrange appointments as quickly as possible. The purpose of this review is to assess patient's hips and ensure they are well. If any concerns are identified during this appointment, we will discuss them with parents and guardians and recommend a suitable course of action.

Yours sincerely

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