

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Mr Paul Lawless
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

PQ 56547/25: To ask the Minister for Health whether the recall process will be extended to include children operated on before 2021, in light of concerns that surgeries dating back to 2010 or earlier may have been affected - Paul Lawless

Dear Mr Lawless,

The External Expert Panel Review is a retrospective review commissioned by the HSE based on the recommendations of the Thomas report (May 2025). The purpose of the review is to determine, in so far as possible, the appropriateness of the original decision making for pelvic osteotomy for all children who underwent surgery in CHI at Temple Street and NOHC between 01.01.2010 and 31.03.25 (circa 1,800 cases). The review period of 15 years is determined by reference to the age of skeletal maturity.

Yours Sincerely,

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