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Deputy Paul Murphy
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
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To ask the Minister for Health her views on the launch of Ireland's first publicly funded oral immunotherapy service in Cork University Hospital; and her views on whether this should be rolled out nationwide.

Dear Deputy Murphy

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Paediatric Allergy Service at CUH is a public service and Ireland's first created dedicated allergy service, designated a WAO Centre of Excellence. Since 2025, we extended our Oral Immunotherapy (OIT) program portfolio of specialist treatments in children <5 years. The programme was established without additional dedicated funding, in response to patient need and our innovation culture.

I trust this information is of assistance to you should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Kearney
Chief Executive Officer