



Ref: PQ 46940/25

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Deputy Joe Cooney
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Dear Deputy Cooney

I refer to your parliamentary question below. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 46940 /25 – To ask the Minister for Health the reforms being introduced to address long waiting times for paediatric surgeries; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) is committed to reducing waiting time for access to care and is working towards target set out in the Waiting List Action Plan 2025.

Since January 2025 there has been a reduction in the wait time for paediatric surgery whereby 89% of patients are waiting less than 12 months for surgery. CHI continues to work towards Sláintecare targets in line with the NTPF.

Yours sincerely

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