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Ref: PQ 48040/25 & PQ 48041/25

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Deputy Michael Lowry Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Lowry

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

PQ 48040/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the specialist teams and services in place to support children requiring prosthetics alongside complex abdominal and stoma care; and whether the HSE has sufficient expertise and resources to deliver this care within Ireland.

PQ 48041/25 – To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address the identified gaps in paediatric prosthetic services, including long-term rehabilitation and follow-up supports, to ensure families are not forced to seek treatment abroad.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) does not provide in house prosthetic services. CHI engage with a number of external providers and any child or young person requiring prosthetic intervention will be referred to one of these by their lead clinician.

Yours sincerely

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