



Ref: PQ 49001/25

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Deputy David Cullinane
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Dear Deputy Cullinane

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

PQ 49001/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointments offered and children seen following the audit into pelvic osteotomies at Children's Health Ireland; whether any surgeries have been determined as unnecessary; whether any effort has been made to determine whether any surgeries were necessary or unnecessary; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that year to date (22/09/2025) 322 appointments have been offered and 196 patients have attended the Developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH) multidisciplinary team (MDT) clinic. THE HSE has commissioned an External Expert Review Panel.

The review will assess the appropriateness of pelvic osteotomy procedures carried out in CHI at Temple Street and National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh.

The HSE will update families directly on this review.

Yours sincerely

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