



Ref: PQ 49367/25

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Deputy Sorca Clarke
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Clarke

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

PQ 49367/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a timeline for the CHI's and HSE's plans, for developing a sustainable and robust psychological support service for the families being reviewed for developmental dysplasia of the hip surgery (DDH)

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

At Children's Health Ireland (CHI), psychology supports are provided for children and young people who are attending a consultant in CHI and having difficulties that are directly related to a significant, ongoing medical condition. Some children may require psychological support during their journey while preparing for surgery or participation in rehab following surgery and this can be addressed by psychology intervention.

If a child has undergone dysplasia of the hip (DDH) surgery or is having DDH surgery and parents are worried about their child's ability to cope, there is a pathway to access CHI psychology for support. Please see link below for further information.

[Role of CHI Psychologists | Children's Health Ireland](#)

CHI is working with the HSE to provide services to support both children and their parents.

Yours sincerely

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