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Deputy Denis Naughten

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Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 23549/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of ECMO machines currently available within the State; the hospitals in which they are based; and the number of these operating at present.

PQ 23546/21 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a fully funded single national cardiac and respiratory ECMO centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I am advised that ECMO is provided at CHI, Crumlin, for all infants and children with heart disease who require this intervention and that there are 3 ECMO machines available in CHI at Crumlin.

I am advised that the Mater ECMO service is the only fully operational adult ECMO service in Ireland. I understand that there are ECMO machines in Beaumont Hospital for donor organ retrieval and in St James's Hospital but an adult ECMO programme have yet to be established in these hospitals.

I am advised that the development of ECMO services for the population forms part of the Critical Care Plan and investment for the provision of such services will be sought as part of the service planning and estimates process for 2022.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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