



Ref: PQ 18755/24

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Deputy David Cullinane
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Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 18755/24 – To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to make access to Mehta growth guidance casting for infantile idiopathic scoliosis available for children in the State, whether through access to care in the State or through access to care abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that Mehta growth guidance casting has been used in CHI for over twenty years with great success. It is a standard initial treatment for most children with early onset idiopathic scoliosis.

Yours sincerely

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