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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 5540/24 – To ask the Minister for Health to seek information from the management of all acute hospitals as to whether third party companies are contracted to provide medical consultation, advice, reading of scans and so on, outside of normal working hours, where consultants are already employed and on call for the same acute hospital; if so, the reasons for same; if a lack of IT systems are to blame for such an occurrence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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

Acute Operations contacted the Hospital Groups/Regions for information in response to your question.

RCSI Hospital Group has advised:

Third-party providers are utilised within RCSI HG to ensure patients have access to services in a timely manner. The services are provided either through insourcing or outsourcing out of hours. All third-party providers are procured through a robust tendering process in line with the HSE national framework.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Hospital Group has advised:

Children's Health Ireland's (CHI) Radiology service does not use any third-party company to provide reporting for the out-of-hours service. The named Consultant Radiologist on-call is responsible for providing consultation, advice, and reporting of scans out of hours. Home reporting is enabled for all Consultant Radiologists.

Please find the remaining responses in the enclosed Excel file.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

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