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Deputy Michael Ring Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

**Dear Deputy Ring** 

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 24999/24 – To ask the Minister for Health whether or not the intake of new patients to a facility (The Endocrine Clinic CHI Tallaght) has been suspended for the time being; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

## Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Tallaght can advise that the Endocrinology Clinic in Tallaght is still open to new patients. However, new patients with Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) are no longer being accepted due to the loss of the dietician managing these patients and our inability to recruit a replacement.

Yours sincerely,

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