



22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

**Deputy Jim O'Callaghan**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention.

**PQ 44040/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric orthopaedic surgeries outsourced abroad each year from 2016 until 2024 inclusive, in tabular form.**

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

Please see information you require from Children's Health Ireland (CHI) below.

**Number of Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeries Outsourced Abroad**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total CHI at Crumlin*</b>	<b>Total CHI at Temple Street**</b>
2019	N/A	N/A
2020	N/A	N/A
2021	N/A	N/A
2022	N/A	N/A
2023	N/A	N/A
2024 – year to date 31/10/24	7 (2 USA, 5 GOSH)	N/A

\*CHI at Crumlin do not outsource any general orthopaedic surgeries abroad so the above data is only relevant for spinal surgeries.

\*\*CHI at Temple Street has not outsourced any patients for orthopaedic surgeries abroad.

Please note that CHI was established as a legal entity on 01<sup>st</sup> of January 2019 under the Children's Health Act. The team working on this PQ do not have access to data prior to 2019 and as such couldn't include same.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ciara Ni Fhlathartaigh'.

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**CRA Registered Charity Number (RCN):** 20202295 **Revenue Charitable Status CHY:** 22235

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