



Ref: PQ 45419/24

17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Deputy Paul Kehoe**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Kehoe

I refer to your parliamentary question below which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies that the response to PQ 36447/24 did not provide the information you require.

**PQ 45419/24 – To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 708 of 18 September 2024 and 1305 of 5 November 2024, if an answer will be provided as to the reason the paediatric urgent care centre in Connolly Hospital only operates Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday and Sundays 10 am to 5 pm, compared to Tallaght which is 24/7, as explanations in relation to appointment-only services were not requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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

##### **Urgent Care Centre, CHI at Connolly:**

In CHI at Connolly, we treat children with minor injuries and illnesses that are not life-threatening and do not require a visit to the Emergency Department (ED). Further information about Urgent Care at Connolly, including types of care provided, is available here:

<https://www.childrenshealthireland.ie/your-hospital-visit/our-locations/connolly-by-appointment/>

The Urgent Care Centre at CHI at Connolly was not planned to operate a 24/7 service. Unlike the Emergency Care Unit at CHI at Tallaght that operates 24/7, CHI at Connolly has specified opening hours. The Urgent Centre at CHI at Connolly has extended the opening hours since opening in 2019.

The opening hours at CHI at Connolly are 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday and 10am – 5pm Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

##### **Emergency Care Unit (ECU), CHI at Tallaght:**

The Emergency Care Unit (ECU) is open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

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The Emergency Care Unit treat all medical emergencies and walk-in trauma. More information is available here:

<https://www.childrenshealthireland.ie/your-hospital-visit/our-locations/tallaght/>

Yours sincerely

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