

**Question for written answer E-009626/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Case of diphtheria in Spain

Recently, a 6 year-old child, living in Olot (Girona), was admitted to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Vall d'Hebron Hospital in Barcelona with diphtheria. The last two cases of this illness were recorded in Spain in 1986, according to data from the Instituto de Salud Carlos III.

The reappearance of this illness in Spain may be related to the cuts suffered by the healthcare budget in recent years.

What specific measures will the European Union implement to investigate the reappearance of diphtheria in Spain?