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Deputy Catherine Martin,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 53627/19**

"To ask the Minister for Health the last time resources were increased to the stoma colorectal clinical nurse specialists service in Crumlin Children's Hospital; the resourcing for the service in the past five years in tabular form; his plans to adequately fund the service in view of the ongoing demands on the service which have resulted in children and their parents experiencing long delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Martin,

I refer to your parliamentary question above to which I have been asked to provide a response.

CHI at Crumlin confirmed currently there are 1.5 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Clinical Nurse Specialists posts in the colorectal service. This CNS team is staffed by 3 nurses working 0.5 WTE over 5 days a week.

An additional 0.5 WTE was sought and sanctioned by the CHI at Crumlin local employment control committee due to an increase in service demand in November 2014. This increase was for one year on a temporary basis and following a service assessment this 0.5 WTE was made permanent in 2015. In cases of maternity/unpaid leave the service is fully covered.

Yours sincerely,

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