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"To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to address the fact that four of the seven permanent radiation oncology posts at Cork University Hospital are either vacant or filled on a temporary basis while one of the five medical oncology posts is also vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy McGrath

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In relation to Radiation Oncology, by September 1st, four of the seven Consultant Posts will be filled by permanent Consultant Staff, the fifth post has been appointed in a permanent capacity, the candidate is going through the necessary process. The 6th Consultant Post is being restructured with a locum post in place. The 7th Consultant Post was only vacated in May, a Locum will be in place while the permanent post is goes through the Consultants Appointments Advisory Committee.

There is currently one vacant Medical Oncology Post, the Locum post has been advertised while the permanent post goes through the recruitment process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Operations Manager