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Deputy Louise O'Reilly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

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"To ask the Minister for Health if he will address concerns that Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin may lose its only consultant paediatric pain specialist that is also the only specialist here; if contingency plans have been put in place in the event that the consultant leaves in order that patients do not suffer; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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

There is a consultant anaesthetist who has a specific interest in acute pain who is leaving the service in Children's Health Ireland (CHI) prior to year-end.

Currently both CHI at Crumlin and Temple Street are working with the consultant and clinical leads to develop a plan which will be communicated to the families who are attending the service.

CHI also require funding for support posts (multidisciplinary care teams) as this is one of our vulnerable services.

Yours sincerely,

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