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Deputy Jack Chambers,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 49551/19

"To ask the Minister for Health if the only paediatric pain specialist in the public health system is leaving the post; his plans to replace the post; the interim measures being put in place in relation to same, and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Chambers,

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

There is a Consultant Anaesthetist, whose certified specialty is in complex pain, 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. CHI will be going out to recruit a replacement post in early 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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