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Deputy James Lawless,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 39951/20**

"To ask the Minister for Health when a third paediatric rheumatologist is due to start; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Lawless,

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

There is an active recruitment campaign for an additional Rheumatology Consultant underway closing on December 11th 2020 following an earlier campaign in 2020 that did not result in the recruitment of the third Consultant Rheumatologist.

It is anticipated that a suitable candidate can be recruited into this role as part of the wider Rheumatology Team.

This addition to the Medical staff will allow for an increased number of patients to be seen, diagnosed and treatment initiated as part of the comprehensive Rheumatology Service.

Yours sincerely,

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