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PQ 35313/20 To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the recruitment of two additional full-time consultant geneticists for the HSE National Rare Disease Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Response:

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

In April 2019 the HSE Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) made recommendations after a review of all the national clinical programmes. The CCO recommended that once a clinical programme has become involved in providing a service, consideration should be given to operationalising the programme. This was recommended in the case of the National Clinical Programme for Rare Diseases, incorporating the National Rare Diseases Office (NRDO).

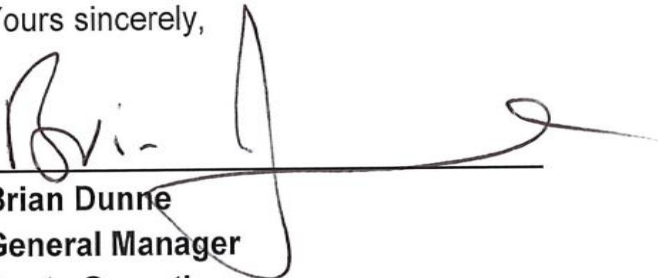
This transition is now in progress and once complete the work of the NRDO will be overseen and governed by HSE Acute Operations. A key element of this transition is the approval and filling of clinical and management posts. As such the following posts, which include two consultant posts, have been approved and are in the process of recruitment.

Post	WTE	Status
Clinical Lead	0.4	Awaiting appointment - Q1 2021
Deputy Clinical Lead	0.3	To be appointed by Clinical Lead
Business Mgr	1.0	Recruitment Q1 2021

Funding is in place for the proposed appointments and they are in line with recommendations from the NRDO and have been approved by the HSE Acute Operations National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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