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Mr Willie O'Dea TD Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 2120/21 *To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available for the recruitment of an additional full-time consultant orthopaedic surgeon for Croom Orthopaedic Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Willie O'Dea

Dear Deputy O'Dea

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 been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that funding has been made available to recruit two additional Orthopaedic Consultants who will support UL Hospitals Group. The Medical Recruitment Department at University Hospital Limerick are at the final stages of the recruitment process and it is envisaged that post holders will be in place in 4 weeks.

These post holders will be based across UL Hospitals Group with clinics taking place in University Hospital Limerick and some surgeries performed in Croom Orthopaedic Hospital.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Colette Cowan

Chief Executive Officer

UL Hospitals Group

