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Deputy Catherine Connolly,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 14837/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment of main lead paediatric pain consultant specialist roles by Children's Health Ireland; the number of paediatric pain consultants employed full-time and part-time, respectively; the number of full-time and part-time paediatric pain consultant roles that are currently vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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

The Complex Pain service is transitioning to a new model of rehabilitative Multidisciplinary care following the recent appointments.

There is currently a Locum Consultant Anaesthesiologist with a special interest in Pain providing 2 sessions per week to CHI with respect to Complex Pain. An Acute or Complex Pain specialist is usually appointed on the basis of being a Consultant Anaesthesiologist with a special interest in Pain. As such, these Consultants have a sessional commitment to Anaesthesiology and a sessional commitment to Pain services as well.

The recruitment process underway and advertised is for two full-time Consultant Anaesthesiologists (with a special interest in Pain), with both posts constructed to have a 0.5 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) structured commitment to the Pain Service.

Yours sincerely,

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