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

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To ask the Minister for Health when a third paediatric rheumatologist is due to start work; 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.

The Rheumatology service in Crumlin is delighted to announce that they have appointed a third Consultant Rheumatologist position following a successful recruitment campaign.

It is envisioned that the consultant will take up their post in 2022 following their notice period and current clinical obligations.

CHI's intention will be to work closely with any new appointee and the current Rheumatology team to develop strategies to address the waiting times for patients on the waiting list.

Yours sincerely,

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