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Deputy Brendan Howlin,  
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Re: PQ Ref 53994/21

**"To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a lack of specialist palliative care for paediatric patients in the HSE south east region; his plans to put in place new paediatric palliative consultant post in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- Brendan Howlin**

Dear Deputy Howlin,

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.

The Palliative Care Service for paediatric patients in the South/ South West Hospital Group is an integrated interdisciplinary service that is provided by both Acute and Community Services.

Significant progress has been made in this important area of care with the publication this year of the report on *'Clinical governance and operational arrangements for supporting a model of care for children with life limiting conditions towards end of life in the community in Ireland'* commissioned by the Chief Clinical Officer, Health Service Executive and is accessible via the below link.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/children/operational-and-governance-framework-for-children-with-life-limiting-conditions.pdf>

Further to this report, a National Steering Group has been established to implement the recommendations set out within this document which includes a Consultant in Paediatric Palliative Care medicine.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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