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"To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to increase staffing levels in the orthopaedic unit in a hospital (CUH); and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Padraig O'Sullivan

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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Consultant Appointment Advisory Committee has approved a Consultant Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgeon and this post has been submitted for advertising.

A locum Consultant post has been advertised in lieu of the permanent post and interviews for the locum post are scheduled.

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,

Interim Chief Executive Officer