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Deputy Colm Burke
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Burke

I refer to your recent PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention.

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken by his Department to increase coordination for the provision of genetic testing services in Ireland considering that 72% of rare diseases are genetic; if there are plans to recruit additional consultants specialising in genetics; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

I have followed up with Children's Health Ireland (CHI) and can advise that CHI are currently in the process of recruiting two new Consultant Geneticists. Once these highly specialised posts are in place this will greatly assist with increasing the number of patients who can be seen in this service.

In addition, CHI has secured funding under Sláintecare for 2022 for an additional Locum Consultant Geneticist, which will further assist with increasing the number of patients which can be seen.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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