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Mr Richard O'Donoghue TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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RE: PQ 62903/22

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no paediatric neurologist in UHL; when it is likely that a neurologist will be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Richard O'Donoghue

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

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.

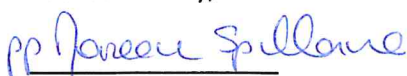
As you may be aware, we have one paediatric neurologist post approved under the National Consultant Appointments Advisory Committee. This post has been advertised and we continue to look to fill it in a challenging international environment.

We are doing all in our power to ensure that this gap is filled. As an interim measure, we have contracted a consultant paediatric neurologist to provide outpatient paediatric neurology clinics once every 6 weeks at UHL for children with complex neurology needs, this initiative commenced in November 2022.

All EEGs carried out for paediatric patients are currently being interpreted by a Consultant Neurophysiologist from Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
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