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Mr Willie O'Dea TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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RE: PQ 5377/22

***To ask the Minister for Health when a paediatric neurology consultant will be provided for the mid-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Willie O'Dea**

Dear Deputy O'Dea

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 been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that UL Hospitals Group has one Paediatric Neurologist post approved under the National Consultant Appointments Advisory Committee. This post was advertised in 2020 and 2021 and a Locum Paediatric Neurologist post was also advertised, however, we were unable to fill these posts with suitable candidates.

I am pleased to let you know that a Specific Purpose Contract with a private Paediatric Neurologist was recently agreed to provide a regular outpatient paediatric neurology clinic at University Hospital Limerick for children with complex neurology needs. In addition, there are plans in place to advertise our vacant post again in the near future.

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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