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Mr Joe Carey TD,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2

RE: PQ 2426/22

**\*To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recruit a replacement consultant paediatric neurologist at the University Hospital Limerick; when it is anticipated that this appointment will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Joe Carey**

Dear Deputy Carey,

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.

We plan to agree a Specific Purpose Contract with a private Consultant Paediatric Neurologist to provide an outpatient paediatric neurology clinic once every 6 weeks 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**  
**UL Hospitals Group**