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Deputy Roisin Shortall Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Shortall

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

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health his plans to assist with the staffing shortages in Temple Street Hospital Diabetes Paediatric Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

There are three Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologists approved for Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Temple Street which equates to 2.05 Whole Time Equivalents (WTE). One WTE is currently on maternity leave. There has been difficulty recruiting a locum Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist for this maternity leave. Support is being provided by a Consultant Paediatrician with an interest in Endocrinology. CHI continues to try to fill locum Consultant Endocrinology posts across the sites.

There are three (WTE) Diabetes Nurse Specialists approved for CHI at Temple Street. There are currently no vacancies.

Yours sincerely

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