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Ms. Niamh Smyth, T.D,  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question 15112/22** *“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the appointment of a dietitian post to the oncology day unit in Cavan General Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Business cases over the past decade from both the dietetic manager and oncology nurse manager have not received the support within the HSE RCSI group to date and this is a huge clinical concern for our population of vulnerable patients undergoing treatment, for whom lack of nutritional support to prevent malnutrition affects outcome quality of life and survival. Please see article below for some background <https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/health-family/majority-of-cancer-patients-in-ireland-don-t-see-a-dietician-as-part-of-treatment-1.3841959>”.*

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that there are currently no vacancies in the Oncology Day Unit.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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RCSI Hospital Group