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Re: PQ21720/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the current situation in respect of a vacant consultant dermatology post proposed to be shared jointly between St James's Hospital Dublin and Portlaoise Regional Hospital; and the dermatological services that are currently available to persons in County Laois.

Dear Deputy Flanagan,

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.

The current Consultant Dermatologist staffing shared between SJH and MRHP is as follows:

Consultant Dermatologist, 29hrs SJH/10hrs MRHP, approved on 14/04/21 as a new post, currently occupied.

Consultant Dermatologist, 24hrs SJH / 5hrs MRHP / 10hrs CHI, approved on 9/11/21 as a new post, despite a number of recruitment processes remains vacant.

The total dermatology hours proposed to MRHP from SJH posts are 15 per week. The service is expected to commence in MRHP in June 2022.

I trust that the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Knowles
General Manager