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Deputy Sorca Clarke
Dáil Eireann
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Dear Deputy Clarke

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

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant paediatric cardiologists working in the public health services; his plans to expand this number; the international recommended best practice ratio for paediatric cardiologist surgeons to population and current ratio.

Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

I have followed up with CHI and can advise that the number of Consultant Paediatric Cardiologists working in the public health services is 8.24 WTE. There are plans to expand the number of PEC (Paediatrician with Expertise in Cardiology) posts over the next five years.

International recommended practice ratio is 1 Paediatric Cardiologist per 0.5 million population. The current ratio is 1 Paediatric Cardiologist per 0.61 million population.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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