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Deputy Catherine Murphy
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Murphy

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

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant paediatric gastroenterologists attached to CHI Crumlin to date in 2022; and the times of the week that the consultants are based in the hospital.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that Ireland has a single-centre, national paediatric service for gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy, intestinal failure, liver- and intestinal-transplantation. This is provided at CHI at Crumlin.

There are three full-time paediatric gastroenterologists delivering this service at CHI at Crumlin. An equivalent to 1 full-time equivalent (FTE) per week is additionally provided by three other consultants. There are no other paediatric gastroenterologists in Ireland.

Consultants provide a 24/7 (1:3 rota equivalent) on-call service which supports both CHI at Crumlin and all paediatric centres nationally. Due to the clinical needs and limited resourcing of this national service, consultants regularly work unscheduled hours beyond their rostered weekday hours (37 hours, Monday-Friday) and rostered hours at weekends when on call.

The service applies annually to the HSE for additional resourcing through the service estimates process.

Yours sincerely

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