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Deputy Alan Farrell

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

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Re: **PQ ref 44865/22** - To ask the Minister for Health if clinical posts are vacant in the cancer genetics department of St. James's Hospital; the length of time that these posts have been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Farrell,

Currently the cancer genetics service has one permanent vacancy and 4.5 WTE temporary clinical vacancies (3 WTE NTPF temporary positions, WTE 1 maternity leave, WTE 0.5 secondment).

- Resignation of permanent genetic nurse in July 2021 – length of vacancy approx. 14 months.
- 3 WTE NTPF temporary vacancies since Oct 2021 – length of vacancy approx. 11 months.
- Maternity vacancy since July 2022 – length of vacancy approx. 2 months.
- Secondment vacancy since June 2022 – length of vacancy approx. 3 months,

Vacancies fluctuate for different reasons and recruitment campaigns for these vacant positions are continuously advertised throughout the year to create panels.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Aisling Collins

Interim Chief Operations Officer