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**Deputy Mark Ward**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Ward

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

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of genetic counsellors who are employed by the HSE; the plans, if any, to recruit more; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

I have followed up with Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) and can advise that the Genetic Counselling department at CHI currently has a staff complement of 8.89 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE), comprising 1.0 WTE Principal and 7.89 WTE Seniors.

Increasing the number of genetic counselling posts has been captured as part of the workforce plan for the New Children's Hospital.

Yours sincerely

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