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Deputy Darren O'Rourke  
Dáil Eireann  
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Dear Deputy O'Rourke

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

**PQ 10184/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant paediatric neurologists working in the public health services; his plans to expand this number; and the international recommended best practice ratio for paediatric neurologist surgeons to population and current ratio.**

**Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

Please find set out here-under the information that you require from Children's Health Ireland (CHI).

**Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) numbers for Consultant Paediatric Neurologists at CHI**

CHI at Crumlin	2.5 whole time Paediatric Neurologists
CHI at Temple Street*	3 whole time Paediatric Neurologists

\* A fourth post has recently been approved but not yet advertised.

CHI's model of care, devised in 2016 for the future of Paediatric Neurology in Ireland, planning for the move to the New Children's Hospital states that in order to meet future requirements and to come up to similar doctor patient ratio to UK and EU we need 10 whole time paediatric neurologists at CHI. At present there are only 5.5 WTE.

Yours sincerely

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