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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 6997 23 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 619 of 24 January 2023, the reason the number of emergency medicine consultants at UHL is significantly lower than any other hospital group in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne Due 28/02/2023

Dear Deputy Wynne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In relation to the number of Consultants in Emergency Medicine posts within University Limerick Hospital Group, ULHG have advised that within ULHG there is only one Emergency Department which is based in University Hospital Limerick, Dooradoyle. There is currently a WTE of 12 in post in ULHG. Of note, two of these posts were newly approved (November 2022 CAAC) and are currently temporarily filled while the recruitment for fill permanently is underway. There are currently no Consultant in Emergency Medicine vacant posts in ULHG.

I trust the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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