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Deputy Chris Andrews,
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“The Occupational Therapy supports in place for children with additional needs, such as dyspraxia, which formerly were available through the HSE in Crumlin, Dublin 12 were withdrawn in 2021. Services have been relocated to Tallaght. This is putting a strain on people from the Dublin 12 area having to travel further and is also putting strain on the existing services in Tallaght which now has a bigger catchment area. Could you outline why this was withdrawn from Crumlin initially and would it be possible to have it reinstated?”

Deputy Chris Andrews,

Dear Deputy Andrews,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that the Paediatric Primary Care Occupational Therapy Services was not withdrawn from Crumlin in 2021. There are currently two full time positions allocated to Crumlin, Walkinstown and the Drimnagh area. The paediatric Occupational Therapy clinic space for this area is based in Armagh Road Primary Care Centre and unfortunately the staff grade Occupational Therapy (OT) post is vacant due to maternity leave since August of this year and while maternity leave cover is funded there is no available staff to provide this cover. The senior OT post aligned to paediatrics in this area is vacant since January and previous recruitment attempts were not successful however a new recruitment campaign is underway and a new panel is being interviewed and the hope is this vacant post will be filled from the new panel.

As an interim measure the primary care paediatric OT's from adjacent services are providing some cross cover into this area. These OT's are based in Tallaght and this will continue until the vacant post is filled.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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