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Deputy Ivana Bacik

Dáil Éireann

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**Re: PQ ref 34316/23** – *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 Bacik,

1	Genetic Counsellor (Snr medical social worker grade)	In post – Returning from Maternity leave Aug 23. No maternity cover
1	Genetic Counsellor (Snr medical social worker grade)	Vacant since 01/01/2022 – Post offered, awaiting start date
0.5	Genetic Counsellor (Snr medical social worker grade)	New post 2023
1	Genetic Counsellor (Snr medical social worker grade)	Vacant since 01/10/2021
1	Genetic Counsellor (Snr medical social worker grade)	Vacant since 01/10/2021
4.5	Total	

Note: There is a new consultant in genetics post that was approved in 2023 which is currently going through the internal and external Consultant Approval Committees.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Aisling Collins

Interim Chief Operations Officer