



Ref: PQ 34318/23

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Deputy Ivana Bacik
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Bacik

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

PQ 34318/23 - To ask the Minister for Health if clinical posts are vacant in the cancer genetics department of CHI at Crumlin; the length of time that these posts have been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin can advise that The Department of Clinical Genetics at CHI at Crumlin provides a comprehensive clinical genetic service covering both adult and paediatric rare disease cancer and prenatal testing.

Currently we have a Consultant Clinical Geneticist who leads the cancer service and she is 1.0 Whole-time Equivalent (WTE). Other consultants contribute to the cancer workload as required. There is no consultant employed to deliver cancer genetic specifically at this time and no vacancy for cancer genetics.

The majority of cancer referrals are dealt with by the Genetic Counsellor team who also cover all specialty areas. There is 1 role specified for paediatric cancer genetic which has been offered and accepted and is due to commence in the near future. Currently this workload is being delivered by the current service complement.

Yours sincerely

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