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**PQ Ref 34500/23**

**\*To ask the Minister for Health the number of ENT consultants in Cork and Kerry; how many patients these consultants currently cover; are their plans to hire additional ENT consultants for Cork and Kerry; if so, if a timeframe is in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Deputy Padraig O'Sullivan**

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

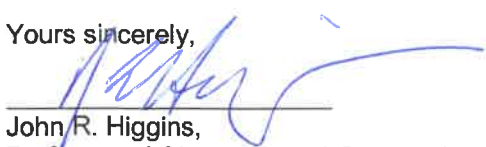
There are currently 5 ENT Consultants in Cork and 1 in Kerry. A 6<sup>th</sup> post for Cork is currently going through the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) for approval.

The following table outlines the total number of ENT Out-Patient attendances and In-Patient/Day Case Procedures for 2022.

<b>HOSPITAL</b>	<b>ENT Out-Patient Attendances (New and Return Patients)</b>	<b>ENT In-Patient/Day Case Procedures</b>
Cork University Hospital (CUH)	539	15
South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital (SIVUH)	19,907	1,676
University Hospital Kerry (UHK)	913	145

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

  
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