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Deputy Donnchadh O’Laoghaire
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies for consultants responsible for cancer services in CUH, including radiation oncology, and what plans exist to replace those consultants who have stepped down in the past three years.

Dear Deputy O’Laoghaire

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.

One Radiation Oncology post vacant – permanent candidate appointed and awaits start date.

One Radiation Oncology post vacant – permanent candidate appointed to commence on the 4th September 2023.

One Medical Oncology post vacant – pending permanent candidate in clearance.

One Medical Oncology post vacant – pending permanent interviews.

Any other vacant permanent posts are filled by Locums while the permanent posts are going through the recruitment process.

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

Yours sincerely,


Mr. David Donegan
Chief Executive Officer