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PQ12037/23-Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan-To ask the Minister for Health the number of genetic consultants employed in Ireland; the plans, if any, to recruit additional consultants specialising in genetics; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

Thank you for your representation.

The HSE in collaboration with the Department of Health published the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland in December 2022.

In 2023, the Government has committed €2.7 million to support the implementation of this Strategy. This investment will be directed towards the establishment of the new national office with the associated recruitment of roles, as well as towards addressing gaps in the frontline workforce in relation to clinical geneticists, genetic counsellors, and genomic resource associates. Two additional consultant clinical geneticist posts are provided for under this funding.

There are five consultant genetic consultants employed in Ireland, and currently three vacant posts, this information has been provided by the National Doctors Training Programme.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

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