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Deputy Catherine Murphy
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Dear Deputy Murphy

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 14036/23: To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be approved for the recruitment of additional whole-time equivalent clinical nurse specialist in neurofibromatosis at CHI Tallaght.

Children's Health Ireland Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Tallaght have a resource of 0.5 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialist allocated to the Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1 clinic). CHI are working in partnership with representatives of the NF1 patient advocacy group (NF Ireland) on all aspects of service delivery and service development.

CHI have committed to reviewing the needs of the NF1 patient group and clinicians and management are working together to do this as we plan to move to the New Children's Hospital.

CHI are exploring an integrated approach with some community based services and working with the regional and general paediatric hospitals to support continued access to services closer to the patient's home.

Aligned with this approach, if there is an identified need for funding a whole time equivalent Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in the service, funding will be sought through Sláintecare and service estimates processes.

Yours sincerely

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