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PQ 21914/23

To ask the Minister for Health when a full-time paediatric neurologist will be appointed at UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Willie O'Dea

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

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.

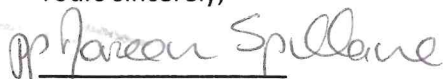
The paediatric neurologist post at University Hospital Limerick has been vacant since December 2021. This post has been advertised on four occasions in the last 12 months and we continue to look to fill it in a challenging international environment.

As an interim measure, we have contracted a consultant paediatric neurologist to provide outpatient paediatric neurology clinics once every 6 weeks at University Hospital Limerick for children with complex neurology needs, this initiative commenced in October 2022. In addition, there has been a locum Consultant Paediatrician covering this service since January 2022.

All EEGs carried out for paediatric patients are currently being interpreted by a Consultant Neurophysiologist from Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
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