



Ref: PQ 43115/23

19th October 2023

Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy O'Dowd

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention.

PQ 43115/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the reasons for the delay in recruitment or advertisement of recruitment for the new genomic resource associate roles at the Department of Clinical Genetics at CHI Crumlin, as specified as part of implementation of the National Genetics and Genomics Strategy, despite the fact that he allocated €2.7 million to the implementation of the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin can advise that the genomic resource associate posts have been subject to the recent embargo on recruitment to administrative and managerial posts as directed by the HSE.

The Clinical Genetics team at CHI at Crumlin had advocated for these and submitted a derogation. CHI at Crumlin received approval on 04th October but several hours later, a further notice from HSE embargoed all new and replacement posts affecting these posts again.

Yours sincerely

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