



Ref: PQ 43118/23

19th October 2023

Deputy Paul Donnelly
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Donnelly

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

PQ 43118/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the reason that recruitment for 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, is being held up, in spite of the fact that he allocated €2.7 million to the implementation of the strategy.

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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