



Ref: PQ 38721/23

09<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Deputy Kathleen Funchion**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Funchion

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 38721/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric gastroenterologists based at CHI Temple Street in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.**

**Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that there are no consultant paediatric gastroenterologists based at CHI at Temple Street. Ireland has a single-centre, national paediatric service for gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy, intestinal failure, liver- and intestinal- transplantation which is provided at CHI at Crumlin.

For information, there are currently 5.82 WTE paediatric gastroenterologists delivering this service at CHI at Crumlin.

Consultants provide a 24/7 on-call service which supports both CHI at Crumlin and all paediatric centres nationally. Due to the clinical needs and limited resourcing of this national service, consultants regularly work unscheduled hours beyond their rostered weekday hours (37 hours, Monday-Friday) and rostered hours at weekends when on call.

The service applies annually to the HSE for additional resourcing through the service estimates process and through the National Clinical Programmes in Endoscopy and Gastroenterology.

Yours sincerely

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