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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 735 of 20 June 2023, if the vacancy has since been filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

Further to Parliamentary Question No.735, I can advise that the consultant paediatric neurology post at University Hospital Limerick remains vacant. This post has been advertised on a number of occasions and we continue to look to fill it in a challenging international environment.

As you are aware, as an interim measure, we have contracted a consultant paediatric neurologist to provide outpatient clinics to children with complex neurology needs. We have increased the frequency of these clinics from once every six weeks to once every five weeks. In addition, there has been a locum Consultant Paediatrician covering this service since January 2022.

All EEGs carried out for paediatric patients continue to be 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,



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