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*From the Chief Executive Officer*

**Anne Coyle**



**PQ 2907/24**

20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Deputy Pat Buckley, T. D.  
(via HSE PQ/REPDR system)

**Re: To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that highly qualified and experienced paediatric staff in Mercy University Hospital Cork, some of whom have 20+ years' service in paediatrics are being asked to move to Cork University Hospital or apply for different roles due to the closure of the paediatric unit in MUH**

Dear Deputy Buckley,

I refer to your PQ in respect of the above and apologise for the delayed response.

As you are aware, the South/South West Hospital Group (SSWHG) is working with the Mercy University Hospital (MUH) and Cork University Hospital (CUH) to plan the transfer and consolidation of paediatric services from MUH to CUH. The key purpose of this project is to provide a centralised and improved model of care for children in Cork.

The new Paediatric Department development located at CUH, combining both MUH and CUH paediatric departments, will cater for a centralised paediatric service within one location in Cork and in preparation for this transition an extended paediatric clinical governance structure is now led by a Clinical Director for the combined city services. This new development will deliver high quality care for children and will provide much needed paediatric care consistent with Clinical Care Pathways and the Model of Care.

Until the date of transfer has been confirmed, paediatric services will continue to be delivered at the Mercy University Hospital (MUH). On 1<sup>st</sup> April MUH Paediatric staff will transfer to the employment of CUH in advance of the physical transfer of MUH paediatric service to CUH. All dedicated paediatric staff are transferring, and no staff are being asked to apply for different roles.

I trust this answers your query and please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the CEO should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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**Anne Coyle**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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