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To ask the Minister for Health when a paediatric neurologist will be employed at University Hospital Limerick given it has been without same for approximately two and a half years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Niall Collins

Dear Minister Collins,

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.

The consultant paediatric neurology post at University Hospital Limerick has been vacant since December 2021. This post has been advertised on a number of occasions and we continue to look to fill it in a challenging international environment. Interviews for this post were conducted earlier this year. A suitable candidate has been identified and we are currently going through the HSE clearance processes.

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. There has also been a locum consultant paediatrician covering this service since January 2022.

All EEGs carried out for paediatric patients are 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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