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Deputy Duncan Smith
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Re: PQ 19487/25

Dear Deputy Smith,

PQ ref 19487/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the optimum staffing allocation per clinical post in the cancer genetics department in St. James's Hospital; the current status of these posts; how staffing levels compare to international standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Deputy Duncan Smith		
	Clinical Genetic Counsellors	Genomic Associates
Optimum staffing levels	20 WTE permanent	6 WTE
Current staffing levels	3.8 WTE 1 WTE until March 2026 1 WTE maternity leave until July 2025 (1 WTE soon to be vacant)	2 WTE (0.5 temporary post - soon to be vacant)
Comparison to international standards	The above staffing levels are 80% below international comparators.	

Yours sincerely,

Ms Aisling Collins
Chief Operations Officer