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Deputy Eoghan Kenny
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To ask the Minister for Health if current vacancies that have arisen from the transferring of the blood transfusion service from Mallow General Hospital to Cork University Hospital have been advertised; when they plan on filling these vacancies; if the short-term plan is to bring the transfusion service back to Mallow General Hospital; the timeline for this plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kenny

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

No vacancies have arisen from the transfer of blood transfusion service from Mallow General Hospital to Cork University Hospital.

The transfer of blood transfusion service from MGH to CUH was necessary partly due to the inability of Mallow General Hospital to retain and attract Medical Scientists to work in Mallow.

A number of vacancies arose in late 2024 due to resignation, maternity leave and long term sick leave. The vacancy that existed due to resignation has been transferred to CUH to support the delivery of service from CUH at MGH.

There are no current plans to transfer the blood transfusion service back to Mallow General Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Deirdre O'Keefe
Interim Chief Executive Officer