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Deputy Marie Sherlock  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
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To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment for a cleft nurse in CUH; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Sherlock

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.

A Clinical Nurse Specialist Lip and Palate post was approved by the Executive Management Team in 2024 and the relevant paperwork was submitted.

This post has not progressed due to the Department of Health's 2024 Pay and Numbers Strategy.

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