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To ask the Minister for Health the number of approve play specialist posts in Cork University Hospital; the number of posts that are in place and filled; the number that are vacant; if there are plans for recruitment of vacant post; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Shea

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.

There are two funded vacant Play Specialist posts in the Paediatric Department and there is one Play Specialist currently in the Children's Emergency Department.

There is a Business Case being finalised requesting the approval of 7 WTE Play Specialists for the 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. Jennifer Kearney
Chief Executive Officer