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To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant paediatric neurologist and paediatric neurologist registrars based at University Hospital Limerick in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

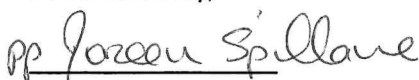
As an interim measure, we have contracted a consultant paediatric neurologist to provide outpatient clinics to children with complex neurology needs. We have increased the frequency of these clinics from once every six weeks to once every five weeks. In addition, there has been a locum Consultant Paediatrician 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.

There are no paediatric neurology registrars in post at University Hospital Limerick.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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