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Ms Jennifer Murnane O' Connor TD Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 2360 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologists at University Hospital Waterford in 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O' Connor

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.

I can confirm that there are currently 2 WTE Consultant Endocrinologists based at University Hospital Waterford. A third 50:50 post (Acute/Community) is temporarily filled by a locum and the permanent post holder is due to start in April 2024. A business case is currently being developed for a 4th post. Children under 16 years of age are seen by a Consultant Paediatrician who has a special interest in Endocrinology.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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