



Ref: PQ 24998/24

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Deputy Michael Ring
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Dear Deputy Ring

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 24998/24 – To ask the Minister for Health when a dietitian will be appointed to a facility (Dietitian needed for the Endocrine Clinic CHI Tallaght); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

In Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Tallaght there are 2 funded Endocrinology Dietitian posts as follows:

- 1.0 WTE Senior Dietitian for Diabetes (currently vacant)
- 0.5 WTE Senior Dietitian for Prader Willi Syndrome service (currently vacant)

CHI at Tallaght Consultants can refer patients with other endocrinological conditions to the Dietitian-led General Paediatrics Out-Patient service (currently at 33% capacity with significant waiting lists).

It is of importance to note that all of the above services are currently reduced due to staff vacancies.

Yours sincerely

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