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Deputy Róisín Shortall TD

*By email*

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**Re. PQ ref 21884/24**

**Radiation Therapist Practice Tutors in St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network (SLRON)**

Dear Deputy

Many thanks for your query. SLRON have not received any notification on funding of new Radiation Therapist (RT) Practice Tutors from the HSE or elsewhere.

In SLRON there is currently one *temporary* whole time RT practice tutor post funded by the Higher Education Authority via Trinity College Dublin. This post is filled but has an end date of January 2025. As the current post is a temporary post SLRON have been unable to backfill the current RT Practice Tutor's substantive post.

SLRON are very supportive of an increase in *permanent* RT Practice Tutor posts to support an increase in RT student places and have advocated for this at every relevant opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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