

**General Manager's Office
Sligo University Hospital
The Mall
Sligo
F91 H684
Tel: (071) 91-74511
Fax: (071)91-74648**

**Deputy Marian Harkin
Leinster House
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2**

Date: 22nd August 2024

Re: PQ Number 24188/24

Dear Deputy Harkin

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Public Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

Please note that the two Consultants providing the Chronic Pain service in SUH have both moved to new roles in other hospitals.

Recruitment to fill these 2 vacant Consultant Anaesthetic posts in the Pain service is actively ongoing. Advertisements are active in all appropriate websites and agencies for temporary posts, while the process for permanent filling of posts is undertaken. As a result, a Consultant has been recommended for temporary appointment but is currently going through IMC registration and therefore is likely to be late 2024 before he can start in this position.

A temporary Consultant commenced in early July to oversee the governance of the Pain Management and Education a psychologically-based rehabilitative treatment for people with persistent pain.

I trust that this addresses your query.

Yours sincerely,



**Grainne McCann
Hospital Manager.**

Mission Statement

Sligo University Hospital is committed to the delivery of a high quality, patient centred service in a safe, equitable and efficient manner. We recognise and value the contribution of each staff member and endeavour to support them in their ongoing development.