



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive



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**PQ50677/19 To ask the Minister for Health his views on a nursing recruitment issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Galway University Hospitals and Portiuncula had **65** final year student nurses in place during the 2019 programme cycle. Approval was received to retain **34** of this group of nurses. The 34 student nurses and midwives were offered an initial position as a pre-registered staff nurse which will then be followed by a staff nurse contract, following submission of Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) registration and subject to the usual satisfactory recruitment processes and service needs. 10 students in GUH rejected the offer of a post at this hospital for their own personal reasons.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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