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**PQ 52833/19 To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure positions are available for graduate nurses in University Hospital Galway; his views on the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Denis Naughten**

Dear Deputy Naughten

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.


Galway University Hospital had **65** (4th year) final year student nurses in place during the 2019 programme cycle.

Approval was received to retain **25** of this cohort of nurses.

The 25 student nurses have been offered an initial position as a pre registered staff nurse which will then be followed by a Staff Nurse contract, upon submission of Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) registration and subject to the usual satisfactory recruitment processes and service need.

We continue to express out posts to the remaining cohort as they are approved by the National Director. Currently we have expressed out posts such as 4 staff nurses expressed posts - 10.12.19 - 3 accepted and are in progress, 1 staff nurse offered 19.9.19 - commenced 23.9.19 and 1 midwife commenced in PUH. We continue to offer out posts as they become approved.

I trust this clarifies the matter,

  
Chris Kane  
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