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**Deputy James Browne,
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.**

PQ Number: 53489/19

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatric nurses that graduated in 2018; the number hired by the HSE on full-time contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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

There were 260 new graduates of the psychiatric programme **registered** with NMBI in 2018. Although there may have been more who graduated, 260 nurses were registered and were eligible to be employed by services

The HSE runs regular recruitment campaigns for psychiatric nurses including graduates but we do not differentiate and record the recruitment of nurse graduates from particular cohorts.

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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