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Peter Burke, T.D.

PQ 3810/19 To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider reviewing the Bring Them Home campaign initiated in 2015 in order to offer a more attractive and a wider suite of measures for recruiting nurses back to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Peter Burke

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Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

I have been informed that the issue of recruitment is a multi-faceted, complex process. The National HR division in the HSE are addressing many elements that will assist in attracting our professionals back to the Irish healthcare system.

I am aware that the recruitment process is under review with the intention of decentralising some recruitment processes to the new Regional Integrated Community Organisations (RICOs) for professionals such as medical, nursing/midwifery and allied health staff.

We have a new cross-party strategy, Sláintecare, which will offer alternative structures and areas of work. These practices will require enhancement of the roles of professionals to meet population needs. The evidence suggests that professionals welcome further education and skills training. Therefore this initiative will add to the attraction.

I am also informed that there is significant work in the development of suitable social media platforms in the HSE that are accessed by professionals abroad. Work is underway to develop these sites and launch them shortly.

Yours sincerely

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