



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



Naas General Hospital
Naas, Co. Kildare

9th August 2019

Fiona O'Loughlin, TD
Kildare South Constituency,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ27924/19.

RE: *To ask the Minister for Health his views on the staffing levels in Naas General Hospital; and if there are plans to reduce workloads on staff*

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

In relation to the above, we can confirm that in the June 2019 whole time equivalent (WTE) report, the staffing levels at Naas General Hospital were 725 WTE. Challenges to staffing levels relate primarily to staff nurse grade and patient and client care personnel. Recruitment and retention continue to be a challenge for all Hospitals including Naas General Hospital and this impacts on an over reliance on agency staff. The Hospital is working with the Hospital Group to ensure budgets are in line with service plan levels and that essential frontline staffing in nursing and patient and client care are recruited and replaced.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Kinsella

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