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**PQ 30465/19 Final Response**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses employed throughout the public health sector; the number of vacancies that exist; the number recruited to date in 2019; the number required; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to our interim reply dated August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 in relation to vacancy numbers for Public Health Nursing posts throughout the Public Service.

The staffing environment of the HSE, and organisations funded by is subject to the requirement to operate within the funding envelope provided in line with government policy. The vacating of a position does not in itself create a vacancy as the work of the position may be covered through redeployment, restructuring or reallocation. In addition, where a post has been approved for filling the duties may be covered by agency or overtime in the meantime. It is not possible, therefore, to give a definitive figure for vacancies and information on vacant positions as this data is not routinely collected in the manner sought by the Deputy.

If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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