

22nd August 2019

Deputy Stephen Donnelly TD
 Dáil Éireann
 Leinster House
 Kildare Street
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RE: PQ 30908/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing positions vacant in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group as of 8th July 2019 in tabular form

Dear Deputy Donnelly

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.

Please see below the number of nursing positions vacant in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group as of 8th July 2019 in tabular form.

Number of Nursing Positions Vacant in DMHG as of 8th July 2019		Comments
Hospitals	WTE's	
Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore	32.69	
Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise	43.36	
Naas General Hospital	54.92	
Tallaght University Hospital	0	
St James's Hospital	40	
St Lukes Radiation Oncology Network	13	2 additional posts have been filled but staff have not yet commenced due to current financial control measures.
Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital	2	

Please note that the data above has been collated based on the following criteria:

- 1. A vacancy is being defined as within agreed headcount & funding available for filling on a permanent basis (excluding maternity leave, sick leave etc)**
- 2. Where a staff member is acting in a post while waiting to fill on permanent basis, this constitutes a vacancy.**
- 3 The data does not include Midwifery data**
- 4 The data includes nurse management grades.**
- 5 The data does not include maternity leave which can be up to 20 WTE's per hospital at any given time.**

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

Yours Sincerely



Mr Trevor O' Callaghan
Chief Executive Officer