

2nd August 2019

**Deputy John Brady,
Houses of the Oireachtas,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.**

PQ Number: 32538/19

Representative Question:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of midwives based in Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe, County Galway -John Brady

Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of representations in relation to the above query.

I have examined the matter & wish to outline the following;


Portiuncula University Hospital currently has 50.84 Whole Time Equivalent Midwives (WTE) in the Maternity unit. This is inclusive of the Maternity Floor, Labour Ward, Scanning Department, Out-patient Departments and Midwife Specialist Posts.

We have 2 WTE Maternity Leaves not filled. We have WTE 2.7 on long term sick and have thus 4 permanent vacancies.

Other temporary posts unfilled include Practice Development Co-ordinator, Clinical Skills Facilitator, Breastfeeding Clinical Midwife Specialist.

I trust that this clarifies the situation.

Yours Sincerely,



Mr. James Keane
General Manager