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Deputy Stephen S. Donnelly TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ 34449 19:** *To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend on staff in each public and voluntary hospital to date in 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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Please see **Appendix 1** attached which provides the HSE Agency Staff costs for each Statutory and Voluntary Hospital by Hospital Group under the Acute Hospitals Division for the period January to May 2019. The data was sourced from the HSE Consolidated Financial Intelligence system.

This expenditure should be considered in the overall context including increasing demand for services; the impact of earlier constraints on recruitment in the public service; ongoing challenges in relation to the recruitment and retention of clinical staff; actions necessary to support compliance with the European Working Time Directive and efforts to reduce expenditure on agency staff.

Agency pay cost is under constant review. Agency staff are used where there is a difficulty in recruiting and employing hospital staff and where there is a short-term critical service need. Agency is also used for flexibility to allow for variation in activity and as required to meet patient demand needs.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sarah.anderson1@hse.ie](mailto:sarah.anderson1@hse.ie) or tel: 045 882559.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1

Agency costs by Hospital Group by Hospital for the period January to May 2019 HSE Statutory & Voluntary Hospitals in the Acute Hospitals Division		YTD May 2019
Hospital Group Name	Hospital Name	€
RCSI Hospital Group	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	3,906,003
	Beaumont Hospital	4,183,536
	The Rotunda Hospital	90,615
	Connolly Memorial Hospital	2,725,262
	Cavan Monaghan General Hospital	3,031,436
	Louth County Hospital	518,891
	Monaghan General Hospital	71,514
Dublin-Midlands Hospital Group	St James's Hospital	3,927,000
	Tallaght University Hospital	2,629,407
	Coombe Women's Hospital	942,586
	St Luke's Hospital	476,557
	Tullamore General Hospital	3,658,814
	Naas General Hospital	4,891,764
	Portlaoise General Hospital	4,401,877
Ireland East Hospital Group	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	2,001,131
	St Vincent's University Hospital	2,921,081
	National Maternity Hospital	77,350
	Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital	604,796
	Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital	145,929
	St Lukes Kilkenny	1,781,584
	St Columcilles General Hospital	829,015
	Mullingar General Hospital	3,744,788
	Wexford General Hospital	1,241,832
	Our Ladys Hospital Navan	2,311,935
South/South West Hospital Group	Mallow General Hospital	593,847
	Mercy University Hospital	1,104,193
	South Infirmary	589,845
	Cork University Hospital	2,788,015
	Waterford Regional Hospital	2,780,716
	Kerry General Hospital	2,512,501
	South Tipp General	2,314,487
	Bantry General Hospital	813,761
	Kilcreene Orthopaedic Hospital	12,120
	Cork Univ Hosp - Maternity	460,939
Saolta University Healthcare Group	UCH Galway	1,721,773
	Sligo General Hospital	2,326,453
	Letterkenny General Hospital	2,939,062
	Mayo General Hospital	1,877,405
	Roscommon General Hospital	1,202,069
	Portincola Acute Hospital	1,436,473
UL Hospital Group	St John's Hospital	295,647
	University Hosp Lmk	6,205,508
	Ennis Hospital	1,062,900
	Nenagh Hospital	774,992
	University Mat Hosp	353,178
	Croom Hospital	17,847
Childrens Health Ireland	CHI at Crumlin	807,593
	CHI at Temple St	716,741
	CHI at Tallaght	257,306
<b>Acute Hospitals Division Total</b>		<b>87,080,074</b>

Source: HSE Consolidated Finance Intelligence (CFI) System