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

Re PQ 27009 19: *To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend on consultant doctors for each public and voluntary hospital to date in 2019, in tabular form.- Stephen S. Donnelly*

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 the Medical/Dental Staff Category by Statutory Hospital under the Acute Hospitals Division for the period January to May 2019. The data was sourced from the HSE Consolidated Financial Intelligence systems and is for HSE Statutory services only. Should you require any of the above information for the Voluntary providers, it will be necessary to contact them separately to request this information.

The Medical/Dental staff category comprises Consultants, Registrars, Senior House Officers and Dental Surgeons etc. The Consultant Doctor costs are not separately identifiable within the financial systems.

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 or tel: 045 882559.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1

Agency costs for Staff Category Medical/Dental by Statutory Hospital under the Acute Hospitals Division for January to May 2019	YTD May 2019 Actual
	Agency Medical/Dental
HSE Statutory only	
Hospital Group & Name	€000s
<i>RCSI Hospital Group</i>	3,428
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	1,563
Connolly Memorial Hospital	485
Cavan Monaghan General Hospital	1,279
Louth County Hospital	102
<i>Dublin-Midlands Hospital Group</i>	5,390
St Luke's Hospital	39
Tullamore General Hospital	1,236
Naas General Hospital	1,037
Portlaoise General Hospital	3,078
<i>Ireland East Hospital Group</i>	3,349
St Lukes Kilkenny	473
St Columcilles General Hospital	284
Mullingar General Hospital	1,372
Wexford General Hospital	331
Our Ladys Hospital Navan	889
<i>South/South West Hospital Group</i>	4,014
Mallow General Hospital	552
Cork University Hospital	151
Waterford Regional Hospital	618
Kerry General Hospital	1,505
South Tipp General	514
Bantry General Hospital	670
Kilcreene Orthopaedic Hospital	4
Cork Univ Hosp - Maternity	0
<i>Saolta University Healthcare Group</i>	6,162
UCH Galway	655
Sligo General Hospital	1,176
Letterkenny General Hospital	1,991
Mayo General Hospital	928
Roscommon General Hospital	469
Portincola Acute Hospital	943
<i>UL Hospital Group</i>	4,320
University Hosp Lmk	2,926
Ennis Hospital	875
Nenagh Hospital	423
University Mat Hosp	97
<i>Regional & National Services</i>	52
North Eastern Regional Services	52
Total	26,716
Source: HSE Consolidated Finance Intelligence (CFI) System	