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PQ: 11369/19

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in the HSE corporate pharmaceutical unit in tabular form; the role of each in the organisation in each year since 2009 to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Thomas P. Broughan.**

Dear Deputy Broughan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 11369/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Number of Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Posts							
Year	Chief I Pharmacist	Chief II Pharmacist	Senior Pharmacist	Grade V	Grade IV	Grade III	Total WTE
2009	1	1.5	0	1	1	1	5.5
2010	1	1.5	0	1	1	1	5.5
2011	1	1.5	0	1	1	1	5.5
2012	1	1.5	0	1	1	1	5.5
2013	1	1.5	0	1	1	1	5.5
2014	1	1.5	0	1	1	1	5.5
2015	1	1.5	0	1	1	1	5.5
2016	1	1.5	2	1	1	1	7.5
2017	1	1.5	2	1	1	2	8.5
2018	1	2.5	3	1	1	3	11.5
2019	1	2.5	3	2	0	2	10.5

The HSE Corporate Pharmaceutical Unit is the interface between the HSE and the Pharmaceutical Industry in relation to medicine pricing and reimbursement applications and is responsible for the day to day operation of the national pricing framework agreements. The unit is responsible for accepting and processing applications for pricing and reimbursement for new generic, biosimilar and branded medicines. The unit acts as the commercial negotiating unit for the HSE in engagements with individual pharmaceutical companies and it provides the

Secretariat to the HSE Drugs Group. It is responsible for the HSE's statutory functions in relation to reference pricing of interchangeable medicines. It provides support to the Primary Care Reimbursement Service across a range of projects. It provides expertise and support to the HSE generally and to the Department of Health on a wide range of projects.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kieran Healy', written over a horizontal line.

Kieran Healy  
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