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To ask the Minister for Health the number of new staff needed and the roles to meet existing demand in the health service; and the amount it would cost to fill these roles

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

The staffing environment of the HSE, and organisations funded by it are subject to the requirement to operate within the funding envelope provided in line with government policy. The Department of Health has engaged intensively with the Health Service Executive to reach an agreement on a pay and numbers strategy for 2019. The HSE expects to grow its workforce, however this must be done in such a way that is both planned and affordable and each service must manage its services within its available funding allocation. There is a priority requirement for all services to maintain, or get to, an affordable staffing level that is sustainable in 2019 and 2020, while also prioritising the delivery of safe services.

If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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