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Deputy Pat the Cope Gallagher TD  
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Re: PQ 47716/19

To ask the Minister for Health if an updated report will be provided on the number of vacant posts unfilled in St Joseph's Community Hospital, County Donegal ; the type of posts in this regard; the number of which are unfilled due to the employment embargo; the number of vacant posts that have been advertised; the number which are vacant but not currently advertised for filling; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Gallagher,

I refer to your PQ above in relation to vacant posts within St Joseph's Community Hospital.

The HSE has not implemented a recruitment embargo/freeze, however interim control measures were introduced in April 2019 to ensure affordable and appropriate recruitment decisions are made, as the HSE need to operate within allocated budgets considering the National Service Plan 2019.

All service posts which are vacated following resignation or retirement are critically reviewed, with a view as to how the ongoing service requirements might be best be met taking account of the budgetary implications of filling vacated posts.

Please find below the information requested in relation to St Joseph's Community Hospital.

Grade	No of Vacant Posts	Awaiting approval under the interim control measures process	Approved by National Director	Vacant post which have been advertised	Vacant posts which have not been advertised	Comments
Staff Nurse	4	2	2	4		1 x Candidate currently being cleared by Recruitment for appointment to post, nursing panel available for remaining posts
MTA	2	2		2		MTA panel available



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I trust this information if of assistance to you, however if you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact my office

Yours sincerely,

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

**Mr Patrick Murray,**  
**Head of HR, CHO 1**

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