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

RE: PQ 40369 19: *To ask the Minister for Health the agency spend on staff from 1 January 2019 to 30 September 2019 or the latest date available in each public and voluntary hospital 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** below which shows Agency staff costs by each HSE statutory and voluntary hospital in the Acute Hospitals Division for the period January to August 2019, this being the most recent period for which information is available. The data was sourced from the HSE Consolidated Finance Intelligence (CFI) System. The 2019 data is draft and unaudited and therefore is subject to change.

Agency expenditure should be considered in the overall context including increasing demand for services; the impact of earlier constraints on recruitment in the public service; on-going 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.

The HSE is committed to minimizing the use of Agency staff but recruitment and retention of Clinical, Nursing and other key staff is a constant challenge and impacts adversely on our ability to maintain safe and effective services. Agency staffing is also used to allow for flexible services designed to meet specific Service User needs and some short term requirements. Agency pay cost is under constant review and where possible is replaced by HSE staff.

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 by Hospital Group by Hospital for the period January to August 2019 HSE Statutory & Voluntary Hospitals in the Acute Hospitals Division | | *YTD Aug 2019 | |
|---|---|---------------------------|-------|
| Hospital Group Name | Hospital Name | €000s | |
| RCSI Hospital Group | Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital | 6,246 | |
| | Beaumont Hospital | 6,697 | |
| | The Rotunda Hospital | 124 | |
| | Connolly Memorial Hospital | 3,902 | |
| | Cavan Monaghan General Hospital | 4,770 | |
| | Louth County Hospital | 749 | |
| | Monaghan General Hospital | 179 | |
| Dublin-Midlands Hospital Group | St James's Hospital | 6,230 | |
| | Tallaght University Hospital | 4,080 | |
| | Coombe Women's Hospital | 1,493 | |
| | St Luke's Hospital | 801 | |
| | Tullamore General Hospital | 6,279 | |
| | Naas General Hospital | 8,321 | |
| | Portlaoise General Hospital | 7,316 | |
| Ireland East Hospital Group | Mater Misericordiae University Hospital | 3,216 | |
| | St Vincent's University Hospital | 4,489 | |
| | National Maternity Hospital | 146 | |
| | St Michael's Hospital | 28 | |
| | Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital | 989 | |
| | Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital | 185 | |
| | St Lukes Kilkenny | 3,039 | |
| | St Columcilles General Hospital | 1,326 | |
| | Mullingar General Hospital | 6,388 | |
| | Wexford General Hospital | 1,904 | |
| | Our Ladys Hospital Navan | 3,870 | |
| | South/South West Hospital Group | Mallow General Hospital | 1,028 |
| | | Mercy University Hospital | 1,789 |
| South Infirmary | | 980 | |
| Cork University Hospital | | 4,540 | |
| Waterford Regional Hospital | | 4,417 | |
| Kerry General Hospital | | 4,213 | |
| South Tipp General | | 3,618 | |
| Bantry General Hospital | | 1,343 | |
| Kilcreene Orthopaedic Hospital | | 36 | |
| Cork Univ Hosp - Maternity | 680 | | |
| Saolta University Healthcare Group | UCH Galway | 2,602 | |
| | Sligo General Hospital | 3,843 | |
| | Letterkenny General Hospital | 5,109 | |
| | Mayo General Hospital | 2,839 | |
| | Roscommon General Hospital | 1,809 | |
| | Portincola Acute Hospital | 2,464 | |
| UL Hospital Group | St John's Hospital | 526 | |
| | University Hosp Lmk | 10,330 | |
| | Ennis Hospital | 1,670 | |
| | Nenagh Hospital | 1,348 | |
| | University Mat Hosp | 599 | |
| | Croom Hospital | 60 | |
| Childrens Health Ireland | CHI at Crumlin | 1,118 | |
| | CHI at Temple St | 1,220 | |
| | CHI at Tallaght | 449 | |
| Acute Hospitals Division Total | | 141,397 | |

Source: HSE Consolidated Finance Intelligence (CFI) System

*Note: 2019 figures are draft, unaudited and subject to change