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Deputy Thomas Pringle, Connolly House, Bridge Street, Killybegs, Co. Donegal.

Re: PQ 40874/19

To ask the Minister for Health if there is a recruitment embargo or freeze within the HSE and specifically for the north west CHO1 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Pringle,

The HSE, including the North West CHO1 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.

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,

Head of HR, CH