



Mr. Richard Boyd Barrett TD.

Dail Eireann

Kildare Street

Dublin 2

15 July 2020

Re: PQ 14559/20

To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that nurses and midwives that were awarded a pay rise after the industrial action of Spring 2019 are now in receipt of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett

I refer to above PQ14559/20 to the Minister for Health which has been passed to the HSE for reply.

Relevant sanction for the implementation of measures set out in Labour Court Recommendations, LCR 20900 and LCR 20901, together with provisions contained in the report of the Public Service Pay Commission (PSPC), issued in Autumn 2019.

The provisions of the PSPC report provided for (a) an increase of 20% in existing allowances, and the inclusion of Medical and Surgical wards as locations that would now attract such allowances. The majority of eligible nurses are now in receipt of these payment and measures are well underway to regularise matters in all other locations. These payments are in all instances payable from 1st March 2019.

The provisions of LCR's 20900 and 20901 relate to implementation of the Enhanced Nurse Contract. This process requires eligible nurses to sign a new contract, with they moving to the new pay scale, effective from their next increment date post 1 March 2019. The number of nurses already on the new contract is currently 4,116 (end May 2020) and further applicants are being progressed on an ongoing basis.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Delamere', written over a horizontal line.

John Delamere,

Head of Corporate Employee Relations