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Deputy Louise O'Reilly TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

**Re PQ 18025 20:** To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of bringing the nursing and midwifery professions in line with the pay grades of other therapeutic grades.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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.

It is currently not feasible to calculate the estimated costs of bringing the nursing and midwifery professions in line with the pay grades of other therapeutic grades, as there is a migration of staff from Staff Nursing grades to Enhanced Nursing grades ongoing at this time. The COVID-19 pandemic has also further delayed this transfer. As a result an estimated cost is not feasible until the migration process has been completed.

You have previously been provided with a response, in late November 2018, to the same question under your PQ 47553 18 which should be of help to you until the migration process has been completed.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>sarah.anderson1@hse.ie</u> or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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