

Deputy Pa Daly, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

21st August, 2020

PQ Number: 20590/20

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies at University Hospital Kerry; the grade of each vacancy; the length of time of each vacancy in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pa Daly

In University Hospital Kerry, as with all large healthcare institutions, there is an ever changing employment status. The majority of positions are filled temporarily on a locum basis until replacement by permanent staffing. UHK has compiled a spread sheet below, as requested of the vacancies not covered on a temporary basis.

APPROVED UHK PERMANENT VACANCIES NOT COVERED CURRENTLY BY A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT

Discipline/Grade	Time vacant					Comments
	0-3 months	4-6 months	7-9 months	10-12 months	12 months +	
Consultants	1	0.75			1	Post over 12 months had been advertised and unable to fill twice. All threee posts due for advertising shortly
NCHDS	4					3 wte appointed wating start dates due to COVID travel arrangements. 1.0 newly approved recruitment process underway
Pastoral Care					1	Campaign with NRS
Catering Asssistant		1				Awaiting advertising
Grade VIII	1					Campaign with NRS
Grade VII	1	1				1 appointed due to commence Aug 2020, 1 recruitment process underway
Grade VI		1				recruitment process underway
Grade III		5	5			National panel in place which posts were offered to but were not filled, further campaign has just closed and recruiment ongoing.
Dietican Senior	1					Campaign with NRS
Housekeeping	1	1				Recruitment ongoing
Midwifery CMS					1	Position has been advertised and unable to fill
Social Worker			1			Campaign with NRS
Radiographers - Basic Grade			3			Appointed , due to start Aug/Sept
Totals	9	9.75	9		3	

As indicated above, this is an ever changing situation and, dependent upon successful recruitment campaigns, the 30.75 wte vacancies may change significantly next month, as they have done so over the last year.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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