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**PQ Number:** 32515/20

Dear Deputy Connolly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above referenced Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health. The question concerned was referred to the Health Intelligence Unit, HSE, for review and direct response. Our response to the PQ concerned is set out below.

**Question: To ask the Minister for Health the composition of the health intelligence unit; the number and grade of all staff in the unit; the remit of the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Response:** The HSE Health Intelligence Unit provide information to the health services aimed at supporting strategic planning and operational activities in the interest of improved health for the population. The HSE Health Intelligence Unit generates this information by accessing data, both health specific and non-health specific, and analysing it to gain insights to inform solutions for challenges identified across the healthcare system. This work draws on the a blend of clinical, public health medical, epidemiological, data science, bio-statistical and health services research capabilities across the HSE Health Intelligence Unit. A key objective of the unit is to support data driven decision making in the areas of operations and strategic planning. HSE Health Intelligence Unit also provides advice and support within the health services and across the health sector in relation to the strategic management of health information as an asset for strengthening health system performance.

The HSE Health Intelligence Unit comprises 14.5 staff in total with capabilities in the areas of clinical/public health, data science & analysis, data management and support. The team grade composition is: 7.5 x Clinical Grades, 4 x Grade VIII, 2 x Grade VI and 1 x Grade VI.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office on 01 6352041 or via email strategicplanning@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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