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22nd October, 2020

**Deputy Michael Healy Rae, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2**

PQ Number: 24709/20

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

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 if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the nursing payscale in University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

Details Supplied: Minister I write to you with regard to Nurses in UHK in Tralee who are still awaiting their enhanced pay scale and other nurses in other hospitals have received theirs

All nurses and midwives who applied for the Enhanced Nurse Practice Contract are being processed. The process is that once the nurse/midwife has completed the application form it is verified in UHK and then sent to Personal Administration in Cork for the contract to be issued to the nurses/midwife, when the nurse or midwife returns the signed contract to Cork, the instruction to pay the new salary and arrears is sent to payroll for processing. It should be noted that there are significant numbers to be processed not only from UHK but from all hospitals and health care facilities in the south.

UHK, Personal Administration and Payroll are working very hard to process all applications as quickly as possible and all successfully verified applicants will receive their salary and arrears in due course.

Yours sincerely,



**Fearghal Grimes
General Manager
University Hospital Kerry**