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PQ10065/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of social worker posts by discipline and speciality and grade for each hospital by hospital group; the number of posts funded, filled and vacant; the basis on which they are filled, that is, permanent, temporary, agency and locum by whole-time equivalent in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary questions above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

Please find attached census data on social worker posts in hospitals as requested.

As advised to the Deputy in email dated 2/3/2021, we do not hold data on the numbers of vacancies or agency and locum staff referred to in the PQ above. The vacating of a position does not in itself create a vacancy as the work of the position may be covered through redeployment, restructuring or reallocation. In addition, where a post has been approved for filling, the duties may be covered by agency or overtime in the meantime. It is not possible, therefore, to give a definitive figure for vacancies and information on vacant positions is not routinely collected in the manner sought by the Deputy. Health service agency staffing resources are collated on the basis of expenditure. Overall agency WTE figures are not centrally collated and therefore are not available.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie O'Sullivan".

Marie O'Sullivan
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