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Mr David Cullinane TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 1453 – To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels by staff group for the new Palliative Care Centre in University Hospital Waterford; if there will be specialists in Paediatric Palliative Care; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that recruitment is underway for a number of approved clinical and non-clinical posts for the Adult Palliative Care Unit at University Hospital Waterford, see details below:

Staff Category	WTE
Medical	3
Nursing	29.8
Health & Social Care	9.7
Health Care Assistants	12
Support Staff	5.24
Technical Services	1.6
Administration	7.45
Total	68.79

The new Service will be managed under the governance of SECH Palliative Care Services in co-operation with University Hospital Waterford. The HSE wishes to acknowledge the capital funding input of €6m from the Waterford Hospice Movement

The South East Palliative Care Centre will be the first inpatient and day service specialist palliative care unit for adults in the South East. When fully operational, there will be 20 inpatient bedrooms with individual gardens for clients requiring the expertise of a specialist palliative care multidisciplinary team. The unit will be the hub for palliative care in the South East and build on the existing Consultant led integrated model of care in places across the acute hospitals and community. Staff based at the unit will support the Community specialist palliative care teams and primary care teams across the south East in providing appropriate care pathways for adult palliative clients in their homes, nursing homes or community nursing units.

There is no Paediatric Palliative service currently funded or planned as part of this service.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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