

8th February 2020

Deputy Kathleen Funchion T.D.,
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Re: PQ 4339/21 – Vacant nursing posts, St. Luke's Hospital.

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant nursing posts in St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny; and the steps being taken to fill these vacant posts.”

Dear Deputy Funchion,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the number of vacant nursing posts in St. Luke's Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that St. Luke's Hospital currently have 20 permanent staff nurse vacancies. Every effort is being made to fill these vacant posts through active recruitment both nationally and internationally

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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