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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of newly qualified doctors being retained at Cork University Hospital”

Dear Deputy Sherlock

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Last year (May 2020), the HSE approved an additional 300 plus intern posts, to increase the number on a national basis from 732 to close to 1,100. These posts were in place from May 2020 to July 2021. The HSE have confirmed that from July 2021, the number of intern posts will revert to the July 2019 level (ie 732). Cork University Hospital will have an intake of 47 interns in July unless advised otherwise nationally.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Gerard O'Callaghan
Interim Chief Executive Officer