



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



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PQ15699/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of intern doctors working in Roscommon University Hospital and in University Hospital Galway; his plans to reduce these numbers; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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

There are currently 95 Intern doctors working in Galway University Hospital and 5 Intern doctors working Roscommon University Hospital.

In March 2021, the Minister for Health confirmed an increase of 120 medical intern posts plus additional postgraduate training places and Post CSCST Fellowship posts nationally for July 2021.

The HSE is committed to increasing training posts while reducing reliance on non-training posts and will continue to work towards this goal through appropriate increases in the number of intern and post graduate training posts in line with medical workforce requirements while ensuring training capacity, supervision and standards are maintained.

The HSE intends to review the number of intern posts in a planned and targeted manner for July 2022 to ensure any increases in intern posts align with projected workforce planning requirements and postgraduate training positions.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Cosgrove,
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