

29th March 2020

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Re: PQ 16433/21 – Intern posts, WGH

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical intern posts at Wexford General Hospital presently up to July 2021; the number of intern posts which will be in effect at the hospital from July 2021 to July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the number of medical intern posts at Wexford General Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that all intern contracts are coming to an end in July as is the usual recruitment practice. Two additional medical interns were assigned to Wexford General since last year. This brought the total number of interns to five. However, for 2021 the hospital will receive three interns in total from July. No intern contracts are being terminated. This decision will have no negative impact on patient safety or the treatment of patients, which continues to be the priority for Wexford General Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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