



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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**PQ PQ 54577/21 “To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies by staffing category and grade at each hospital by hospital group; the length of time these vacancies have been open; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”
- David Cullinane**

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.

The staffing environment within the HSE is dynamic. The vacating of a position does not in itself create a vacancy as the work of the position may be covered through redeployment, restructuring or reallocation. In addition, where a post has been approved for filling the duties may be covered by agency or overtime in the meantime. It is not possible, therefore, to give a definitive figure for vacancies and information on vacant positions is not routinely collected in the manner sought by the Deputy. “

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A small rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Gwen Ryan'.

**Gwen Ryan
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