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PQ55696/21 To ask the Minister for Health his plans to offer HSE sponsorship programmes for those studying medicine in Ireland which would contract them to work for the HSE for a specified term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Denis Naughten

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

We have contacted National Doctors Training Programme and Corporate Employee Relations Service and have been advised there are no such programmes in HSE. Any new policy relating to sponsorship programmes to study medicine would be a policy matter for the Department of Health. We can comment however on the Scholarship International Medical Graduate Training Initiative (IMGTI).

The Scholarship International Medical Graduate Training Initiative (IMGTI) provides one possible route for overseas doctors wishing to undergo structured postgraduate medical training within the public health service in Ireland. The IMG Training Initiative enables suitably qualified overseas postgraduate medical trainees to undertake a fixed period of active training in clinical services in Ireland.

At present Pakistan and Sudan participate in the Scholarship IMG Training Initiative. The HSE signed an MOU with The College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP) and The Sudan Medical & Specialisation Board (SMSB) to develop a partnership agreement for recruiting doctors from Pakistan to work in the Irish health service. The purpose of these agreements is to permit Pakistani and Sudanese graduates to complete part of their training in Ireland. This initiative facilitate participants to access a structured period of training and experience as developed by an Irish postgraduate medical training body to specifically meet the clinical needs of participants as defined by their home country's health service. The period of clinical training that will be provided under the IMG Training Initiative is ordinarily 24 months.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie O'Sullivan".

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