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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has sanctioned additional funding for increased authorised officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Currently, there is a capacity review of Authorised Officer's across the Community Healthcare Organisation's. Based on the findings of this review, it will be decided if and where additional Authorised Officers are required. No additional funding has been sought from the DoH at this point.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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