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Deputy Mark Ward, Dail Eireann, Dublin 2.

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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that has taken place with the HSE

regarding recruiting 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 Organisations. Based on the findings of this reviewed a decision will be made as to where and how many Authorised Officers are required.

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

Yours sincerely,

Shun Repin

Jim Ryan

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