

6th December 2021

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Re: PQ 58059/21 – National trauma centre, Mater Hospital

“To ask the Minister for Health the specific workforce planning that has taken place for the establishment of the new national trauma centre in the Mater Hospital; the additional recruitment that will take place; the grades for which recruitment will take place; and when this will take place.”

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the National Trauma Centre in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

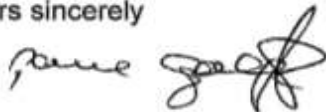
I have had this matter examined and am advised that the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital 's Workforce Planning Committee consists of representatives from across all disciplines in the hospital and meets regularly.

The remit of this group is to ensure that the correct people with the right skills are in place at the correct time and an extensive workforce plan is fed into this group from the Mater's Trauma Strategy Committee which is preparing for the establishment of the Major Trauma Centre at the hospital. Currently, this planning is well underway and is moving to the recruitment stage.

For this initial phase of the establishment of the Major Trauma Centre, the Mater will be recruiting 72 new hires of which 23.5 whole time equivalents (WTE) will be medical, 31 WTEs will be nursing, 6 WTEs will be Health Care Assistants, 9 WTEs for Health and Social Care Professionals and 2.5 WTEs in Support services. Further personnel will be recruited in due course.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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