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To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to increase general practice specialist training posts by 1%; the number of posts this would result in; the additional workforce requirements incurred by same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Increasing the number of training posts required to ensure the appropriate supply of suitably trained specialists, through the conversion of non-training posts to training posts, remains a key priority of the HSE in order to move towards a consultant delivered health service. A 10% increase to GP training places is planned for the July 2022 intake into the training programme, building on the 30% increase in trainees on the GP training programme over the last five years. Further growth within the General Practice training programme is planned in line with workforce planning projections.

Yours sincerely,

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