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Deputy Róisín Shortall
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ 63088/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiation therapist posts by hospital; the number of vacant posts; the steps that are being taken to address staff shortages; the adequacy of the present number of training places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Róisín Shortall, due date 03/01/2023.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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.

I have attached a report in response to your request for the number of radiation therapist posts by hospital detailing the WTE of radiation therapist grades by hospital as at November 2022.

In relation to your request for the number of vacant posts, details of vacancies across the organisation are not currently held centrally, therefore unfortunately we are not in a position to provide the information you request. Staff are recruited by local services, through national and local recruitment initiatives and through external agencies by the HSE and Section 38 Voluntary Hospitals and agencies.

Based on the latest HEA data there are 25 radiation therapy graduates from Irish colleges annually. The HSE recognises that this grade, like all HSCP grades, has a significant supply gap. To this end, the HSE is working collaboratively with the Department of Health, to identify the projected numbers of places required over the next number of years and to build this, together with the appropriate clinical infrastructure to facilitate the training.

I trust the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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