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Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 36363/22 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded but vacant public health nurse positions broken down by CHO from 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. – David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

A vacancy is a funded, approved post, not filled by direct employment, agency, overtime, secondment or any other means. The vacating of a position does not in itself create a vacancy as the work of the position may be covered through redeployment, restructuring or reallocation. In addition, where a post has been approved for filling, the duties may be covered by agency or overtime in the meantime. Because of this complexity it is not possible to give a definitive figure for vacancies.

All our employment data is available on the HSE Personnel Census website;

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/workforce-intelligence-by-community-healthcare-organisation.html>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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