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REF: PQ 37623/22 Re: Shortage of nurses and nursing managers in University Hospital Galway and Merlin Park Hospital and the related impact on patient care; his plans for the expedited recruitment of nurses to these hospitals;

Dear Deputy Connolly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

Recruitment of Nursing staff is ongoing with interviews being held weekly. There are 170 Nurse vacancies at present.

We can confirm there are 28 International Nurses commencing on the 18th July and there are 70 new Graduates commencing in September.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
General Manager
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