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PQ41518 /22-Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett-To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of staffing public health teams to the World Health Organisation-recommended levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

Thank you for your representation.

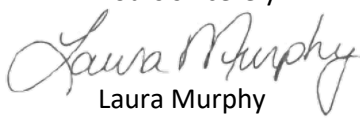
Since 2021, €20.8m has been invested in our Public Health Workforce to deliver enhanced multidisciplinary teams and the first phase of priority Consultants in Public Health Medicine as part of a landmark agreement to deliver fundamental Public Health Reform.

This investment supports the implementation of the Public Health Workforce Plan to deliver 250.6 WTE (€17.3m) additional permanent resources. A dedicated recruitment team was established to implement this plan and over 91% of the resources are now in place. As part of the implementation of this plan, attractive and structured career pathways for surveillance and epidemiology teams and health protection nurses were developed and implemented to support recruitment and retention of this critical expertise.

This investment also supports the first phase of Consultant in Public Health Medicine Recruitment (34 WTE priority posts) to support the implementation of a fundamentally reformed and strengthened service delivery model for Public Health Medicine. 85% of these posts are now onboarded with remaining posts expected in due course.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely


Laura Murphy
General Manager