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Re: PQ ref 13421/22: “To ask the Minister for Health if targets set or recommendations made under the Framework for Safe Staffing and Skill Mix in General and Specialist Medical and Surgical Care settings in Adult Hospitals since 2018 have been met; the number of wards or settings the framework applies to; and if he will make a statement on the matter - David Cullinane”

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The targets set or recommendations made, have not completely been met to date for various reasons including:

1. The implementation plan focused on Model 4 sites.
2. Implementation of this plan was severely impacted by Covid pandemic – this impacted many aspects of implementation including recruitment
3. Cyber-attack

However, despite these constraints the implementation of the Framework for Safe Staffing and Skill Mix in General and Specialist Medical and Surgical Care settings in Adult Hospitals has commenced in all nine Model 4 sites. Implementation continues to progress in these sites throughout 2022 and will include aspects such as education, skill mix and adjustment of WTE's as required.

With regards to the number of wards or settings the framework applies to The Framework has not yet progressed to Model 3 and Model 2 sites and therefore data is not available as to how many wards in these sites the Framework applies to.

Yours sincerely,

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