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David Cullinane Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2.

PQ 13423/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of current vacant posts in emergency departments in each of the years 2016 to 2021 and to date in by Department and by profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 wish to advise you that the information which you have requested is not collected.

I am advised that 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. It is not possible to give a definitive figure for vacancies and therefore information on vacant positions is not collected.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory

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