



Reada Cronin TD Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2 D02 XR20

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RE: PQ REF 13553/22

RE: To ask the Minister for Health if the respiratory department at Naas General Hospital has its full complement of staff including consultants, respiratory nurses, physiotherapists, physiologists and so on; if this number is deemed sufficient for the population and state of lung health the department serves; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Reada Cronin,

In relation to the above query we can confirm there are:

- 2 Respiratory Medical Consultants with full medical teams
- 4 Respiratory Physiotherapists (1 senior, 2 basic grades, 1 Clinical Specialist COPD Outreach)
- 1 Senior Respiratory Physiologist (1 staff grade vacancy)
- 1.5 Respiratory Clinical Nurse Specialists

The Respiratory service is managing in line with resources available and utilising insourcing and outsourcing initiatives including diagnostics to continue managing the patient profile.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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