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Deputy Róisín Shortall
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To ask the Minister for Health his position regarding funding for a training post (details supplied); the reason that the funding was refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Funding for Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) training post in the neurology higher specialist training scheme refused by the Health Service Executive.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

A key responsibility for the HSE is the requirement to assess on an annual basis the number of medical training posts required by the health service, these are published in the annual Medical Workforce Reports available here <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-development/met/ed/rep/>. The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) has confirmed that following specialist training recruitment, the intake to the Neurology Higher Specialist Training Scheme is in line with the HSE approved intake numbers for the upcoming training year. The scheme did not require or request any additional training posts from the HSE for the July 2022 training intake.

Yours sincerely,

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