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RE: PQ 16496/22

*** To ask the Minister for Health the number of positions at Limerick University Hospital which are vacant, unfilled or filled on a temporary, agency and locum basis at staff grade level in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - David Cullinane**

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.

UL Hospitals Group (ULHG) operates under the auspices of the national HSE Performance & Accountability Framework where any posts for recruitment progression must advance through the local Employment Control Committee for approval and senior posts, must be approved at a national level.

Increases in WTE over the last number of years have been largely concentrated on new bed capacity developments and sanctioned funding initiatives under the HSE National Service Plan & Winter Service Plan.

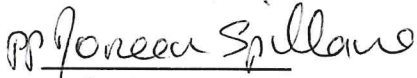
ULHG is committed to having a well-resourced workforce to support the patient needs of the Mid-West.

Please see below for a breakdown of the number of positions that are currently vacant at University Hospital Limerick:

Staff Category	Vacant Positions WTE	Total UHL WTE	% Vacancy Rate
General Support	19	531	3.6%
Health & Social Care Professionals	29.38	410	7.2%
Nursing & Midwifery	42.78	1,217	3.5%
Patient & Client Care	12	252	4.8%
Medical Dental	40	562	7.1%
Total	143.16	2,972	4.8%

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
UL Hospitals Group