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**PQ 17400/22** To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline remuneration, expenses or other payments made to student nurses, student midwives, student occupational therapists, student speech and language therapists, student audiologists, student psychologists and student dietitians who are on compulsory placement in clinical settings. -Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

Student nurses and student midwives who undertake supernumerary clinical placement as part of their four year undergraduate degree programme area in receipt of the following remuneration, expenses and other payments;

- Vouched Accommodation Allowance capped at €100 per week that applies for the duration of the supernumerary placement where it is necessary for the student to obtain accommodation away from their normal place of residence. This allowance is intended as a contribution toward the cost of attending a supernumerary clinical placement. It is not intended to meet the full-cost of an undergraduate nursing/midwifery degree student's accommodation where incurred (Circular 01/2022, DOH).
- Travel Allowance: A supernumerary student on the undergraduate nursing/midwifery degree programme continues to be entitled to a refund of the cost of transport on the basis of receipts certified by the student and the SALO in the clinical partner site. Public transport should be used wherever possible. Where public transport is not available a supernumerary student is entitled to a refund of the cost of private transport, payable on the basis of receipts certified by the student and the allocations officer in the health service. In such cases, all reasonable measures shall be taken to ensure that the most economical option is availed of, including sharing transport facilities and using available public transport for portions of a journey.
- Pandemic Placement Grant: Recognising that COVID-19 has impacted student nurses and midwives undertaking supernumerary clinical placements, the Minister for Health gave sanction to additional and exceptional Student Nurse/Midwife **Pandemic Placement Grant (PPG) of €100 per week** for each week of supernumerary placement introduced temporarily from January 2021 and backdated to the 1st of September, 2020. The payment of this grant was extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

4<sup>th</sup> Year Student Nurses and Student Midwives while on 36 week internship:

- Internship salary of €22, 249 (annualised)

Pandemic Payment Grant: All final year students who commenced their internship in the current academic year (2021/2022) and for the duration of their internship placement are entitled to a temporary Pandemic Placement Grant of €50 per week.

I wish to advise that student occupational therapists, student speech and language therapists, student audiologists, student dietitians, student counselling psychologists and student educational psychologists do not get paid any remuneration or expenses while on clinical placement.

However, student clinical psychologists (also known as Trainees) are provided with a HSE 3 year contract of employment while completing their clinical doctorate. Salary as follows (1/10/21):

Year 1 €37,850

Year 2 €39,894

Year 3 €43,404

Yours sincerely,



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