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To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the vacant position of public health nurse in the Lucan area has not been filled for some time which is impacting significantly on the population in that area including the lack of check-ups for newborn babies; when this position will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Gino Kenny

Dear Deputy Kenny,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Unfortunately, there are a number of Public Health Nurse (PHN) vacancies in the Dublin West area. Recent recruitment campaigns have not been successful in recruiting PHNs into these posts and as an interim measure, a cross cover arrangement for priority cases was put in place. The HSE are continuing to recruit for these vacancies.

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

Yours sincerely,

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