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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will implement the 37.5 working week and the payment of overtime (details supplied) for a mental health nurse; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Michael Healy-Rae

Details Supplied: *Minister why the non-implementation of the 37.5 hours in many of the mental health areas across Ireland and the non-payment of the over time of the 1.5 hours should have been implemented since the 1/7/22, HSE are in crisis for nurses and this shows no respect for nurses who have worked hard and especially during the height of COVID.*

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

The HSE implemented the Report of the Independent Hours Body recommendations on 1st July 2022. For nursing staff, the recommendation is a reduction to pre Haddington Road Agreement hours of 37.5 hours per week. In a very small number of areas, consultation is ongoing to finalise revised rosters to ensure full implementation. Overtime is approved pending full implementation of revised rosters.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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