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Dear Deputy Higgins,

**RE: PQ50972/22 To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider funding a new procurement process and funding stream for private companies to tender to help with recruitment of much needed nurses and doctors from countries such as India given that many nursing homes avail of the services of new companies who specialise in this field and have helped them attract talent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Emer Higgins**

The HSE has received your request for additional information by way of response to your representation regarding procurement for private companies with regards to recruitment of nurses and doctors from India.

Agencies on the Framework for the International Recruitment of Nurses and Midwives are all actively sourcing nurses from India.

Recruitment agencies providing services to the HSE are under contract as a result of a public tender, in full compliance with both HSE, governmental and EU procurement policy. When the HSE is seeking tender submissions, the tender specification is publically advertised on the Office of Government Procurement website <https://www.etenders.gov.ie>, Recruitment Agencies must then provide a tender submission in response to that particular advertisement within the closing date for the submission of tenders.

There is a Framework and an Authorisation Scheme currently in place (listed below) for International recruitment.

- Non - Executive Multiparty Framework Agreement for the International Recruitment of Registered Nurses/Midwives (18 February 2019 to 17 February 2023)
- The Agency Placement Fee Authorisation Scheme was advertised in June 2020. This Scheme focuses particularly on international candidate markets.

Further opportunities to join the Scheme are currently available at <https://www.etenders.gov.ie> should companies wish to apply.

I understand that companies can register with the government procurement website to be notified when particular contract opportunities are advertised e.g. recruitment based.



If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eileen Winnington', written in a cursive style.

Eileen Winnington  
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