



29th September 2022

Deputy Niamh Smyth,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 45253/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of the public health nurses operating on the relevant areas in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath in tabular form; the locations in which vacancies exist at present; the length of time for which these posts have been vacant; and the plans and timeframe in place to find suitable replacements.

- Niamh Smyth

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 45253/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The below information outlines the current Public Health Nurse (PHN) and Community Registered General Nurse (CRGN) vacancies within Cavan Monaghan Community Healthcare Network. They are in regular communication with HR regarding the filling of these posts and, provide cross cover in order to ensure continuity of service. The table below does not include a further 3.4 wte vacancies which would have provided some cross cover in the Cavan/Monaghan area.

Public Health Nursing & Community Registered General Nurses Vacancies Cavan Monaghan Community Healthcare Networks		
Area		WTE
Cavan CHN	PHN	3.5
Monaghan CHN	PHN	2
Cavan CHN	CRGN	1.6
Monaghan CHN	CRGN	2.2

The below information outlines the current PHN/CRGN vacancies within Meath. There are a total of 7.5wte vacant posts in Meath, with an additional 9.8wte posts to be recruited as part of new service development posts. The longest vacancy is from March 2022. It is expected that the majority of these posts will be filled Q4 2022 to Q2 2023.

Public Health Nursing & Community Registered General Nurses Vacancies Meath		
Area		WTE
Meath PHN	PHN	5.5
Meath CRGN	CRGN	2



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seán McArt".

Seán McArt

General Manager Primary Care
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