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Deputy Emer Higgins
Dáil Éireann
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“To ask the Minister for Health about the progress that is being made with regards to reinstating public health nurse check-ups for infants and children in Lucan, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Emer Higgins, TD

Dear Deputy Higgins,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Public Health Nursing Service in Dublin West is currently supporting 6 student PHNs who are due to graduate in July 2023. A recent campaign to recruit grade-to-grade community nurses has received one expression of interest. The service is continuing to recruit to fill vacant posts, including recruitment from international campaigns. The service is continuing to implement a prioritisation system and redeployment of staff is continuing where possible.

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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