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Deputy Eoin Ó Broin  
Dáil Eireann,  
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*“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on staff shortages in the Dublin mid-west public health nurse network; if vacant positions have been filled; if a full service is now available in all parts of the constituency; and if not, what areas remain impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Deputy Eoin Ó Broin

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Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

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 a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm the Public Health Nursing Service Dublin Mid-West is experiencing a significant shortage of Public Health Nurses (PHN) and Community Registered Nurses. Recruitment to vacant nursing posts continues to challenge Nursing Services despite ongoing recruitment campaigns and attendances at recruitment fairs both nationally and internationally. Currently there is a rolling RGN (Registered General Nurses) campaign underway to fill vacant positions, however to date none of the 8 vacancies have been filled.

The following areas continue to experience service disruption due to the shortages of Public Health Nurses, Rosse Court Health Centre, Lucan Health Centre, Ballyfermot Primary Care Centre, Inchicore Primary Care Centre, Rathcoole Health Centre, Steeple House Health Centre and Rowlagh Health Centre.

The Health Service Executive will continue to run recruitment campaigns to fill vacant posts.

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,**

**Gillian Farrelly**

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