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**PQ 4826/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff, by staff grade, employed to work in the emergency department at University Hospital Limerick at the start of each year from 2000 to 2023, in tabular form. - David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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.

As requested, please see below data outlining the staffing levels in the Emergency Department in University Hospital Limerick between 2004 – 2023. Please note, data recorded prior to 2004 was not recorded in the same way and therefore comparisons would be unreliable.

Year	Nursing	Medical	Management/ Admin	Health Care Assistants	Total
2004	79	18	23	10	130
2005	76	18	22	9	125
2006	73	18	24	8	123
2007	73	20	25	10	128
2008	72	19	24	9	124
2009	74	17	24	8	123
2010	78	23	22	8	131
2011	83	21	21	8	133
2012	83	18	21	11	133
2013	85	19	24	10	138
2014	92	25	22	8	147
2015	95	24	34	13	166
2016	88	25	29	15	157

<b>2017</b>	128	33	28	28	217
<b>2018</b>	139	35	25	28	227
<b>2019</b>	133	35	28	26	222
<b>2020</b>	121	40	28	24	213
<b>2021</b>	123	40	31	27	221
<b>2022</b>	132	43	35	26	236
<b>2023 YTD</b>	128	49	35	26	238

Separately, I am pleased to let you know that two additional ED Consultants were approved under the Winter Plan 2022-2023. These posts have been filled on a temporary basis, recruitment campaigns will take place in the near future to fill these posts on a permanent basis.

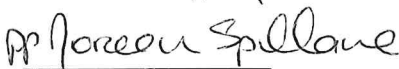
In addition, a review of NCHD resources has been completed and a submission for a further 10 SHOs and 10 Registrars was made nationally. Approval has been received to proceed and nine of these staff took up post in January 2023.

Safer Staffing levels for ED nursing staff have also been reviewed and approval has been received nationally to recruit additional resources. A number of nursing staff have commenced within the ED recently.

Additional nursing resources to fully implement Safer Staffing in our ED will commence taking up post from May 2023.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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