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RE: PQ 7009/23

To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the staff complement for the radiography departments in Ennis, Nenagh and UHL hospitals in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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 the staff complement for the radiography departments in University Hospital Limerick, Ennis Hospital and Nenagh Hospital in tabular form. The below table includes both posts approved and WTEs currently in place.

Hospital Site	Radiography WTEs approved	Radiography WTEs in-place
University Hospital Limerick	72.0	69.0
Ennis Hospital	10.9	5.7
Nenagh Hospital	8.6	5.2

Recruitment campaigns are currently ongoing to address shortfalls within this service, we also try to secure locum cover to ensure this service can operate at full capacity across our hospital sites.

In addition, I am pleased to let you know that four radiographers were approved under the Winter Plan 2022-2023. These additional resources will help to address patient flow and early discharges at the UHL site.

Separately, to address wait times, increased funding was provided in the Winter Plan for additional GP access to diagnostics in primary care, allowing for patients to be referred directly for x-rays or scans. Good progress was made in this initiative in 2022, and currently, in the Mid West region, more than 1,400 of these scans are being completed each month.

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

Yours sincerely,



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