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**RE: PQ 28369/23**

To ask the Minister for Health if consideration would be given to implementing a bursary of €5,000 per annum for the training of radiation therapists, similar to the scheme which is currently in place at UCC for the training of diagnostic radiography students and where the participants are required to work for a period of two years after graduation with the HSE South/Southwest Hospital Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Burke,

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 response.

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

A review of the profession of radiation therapy has been established and recommendations regarding the supply of radiation therapists to the HSE will be addressed in this forum, including consideration of schemes such as described in PQ 28369/23 for incentivising radiography students to stay in the HSE South South West Hospital Group. Furthermore the HSE has established Recruitment Reform and Resourcing programme to explore and implement measures to attract and retain vital healthcare professionals. Detailed plans are in development.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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