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Mr Alan Kelly TD,  
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RE: PQ 28440/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE midwives working in the University Maternity Hospital, Limerick in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; if this number will be further increased; and if so, when.

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.

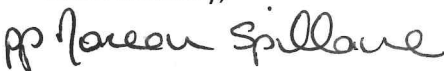
Please see below for a breakdown outlining the number approved WTE midwives at University Maternity Hospital Limerick (UMHL) for the years requested:

Year	WTE
2021	245.68
2022	251.08
2023	251.18

Plans to increase the number of midwives employed at UMHL will be dependent on the development of maternity services in the region in line with the National Maternity Strategy. In addition, any increases in WTE will require funding approval from National Women and Infants Health Programme.

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

Yours sincerely,



**Prof Colette Cowan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**UL Hospitals Group**