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Dear Deputy Naughten

**RE: PQ29083 To ask the Minister for Health if targeted international recruitment with an agreed relocation allowance is taking place to fill vacant therapist roles in primary care services; if not, if there are plans to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
-Denis Naughten**

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, submitted by you to the Minister for Health. This matter has been referred to me for response on behalf of the HSE.

There is an existing facility in place across the HSE for the international recruitment of Health and Social Care Professionals. This includes a competitive relocation package, as outlined in HR Circular 001-2023. The Circular can be viewed at:
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/hr-circulars/hr-circulars-2023.html>

There are differences in professional training within the majority of available candidate pools which can pose a challenge for candidates in meeting statutory registration requirements. To this end the HSE is working to ensure that pathways and placements for supervision and training within the HSE are further developed and grown to facilitate more overseas candidates to meet the requirements to register with CORU and subsequently practice in Ireland.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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