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Deputy Brendan Griffin TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

PQ: 30745/23

Dear Deputy Griffin,

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the current number of staff vacancies across all departments and details of each vacancy at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Griffin

University Hospital Kerry currently has 154 vacancies for permanent staff across a wide number of disciplines. The hospital is actively recruiting to fill these vacant posts; however, the recruitment of these specialised posts is very challenging nationally.

Of these posts over 50 are brand new posts for the hospital, which is hugely positive and demonstrates the level of additional funding and support which has been provided to the hospital. Over the last 5 years University Hospital Kerry has seen a 34% increase in its overall staffing.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mary Fitzgerald
General Manager
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