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Deputy Mark Ward
Dáil Eireann,
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PQ ref 22723/23 *“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work being carried out to rectify shortages of public health nurses at seven locations in Dublin (details supplied); the options available to families in these areas whose children are not being seen in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. (Rosse Court Health Centre; Lucan Health Centre; Ballyfermot Primary Care Centre; Inchicore Primary Care Centre; Rathcoole Health Centre; Steeple House Health Centre; and Rowlagh Health Centre)”*

Deputy Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm the Public Health Nursing Service is experiencing a significant shortage of Public Health Nurses (PHN) and Community Registered Nurses. Recruitment to vacant nursing posts continues to challenge the Nursing Services despite ongoing recruitment campaigns and attendances at recruitment fairs both Nationally and Internationally. Currently there is a rolling campaign underway to fill vacant positions.

The Health Service Executive will continue to run recruitment campaigns and both the Primary Care Service and the Public Health Nursing Service will continue to strive to provide the required nursing services to the population.

Parents are encouraged to contact the PHN Service if they have any concerns or queries regarding their child's development.

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

Yours sincerely,

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