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Deputy Róisín Shortall
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 20701/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in each health centre in CHO 7, in tabular form; and the number of vacancies.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 that the attached is a breakdown of the number of Public Health Nursing vacancies in each Community Health Network in CHO7. The Public Health Nursing Service is experiencing a significant shortage of Public Health Nurses (PHN), Community Registered Nurses, and Health Care Assistants. There has been detailed planning of work at site-specific levels to proactively manage the impact of staff retirements, staff transfers, staff vacancies, maternity leave, and sick leave (short and long-term) on front-line services.

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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