



Deputy Martin Browne,
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To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the 70 nursing vacancies at Tipperary University Hospital, as revealed by an organisation (details supplied); his views on how this affects the framework of safe nurse staffing in medical and surgical wards at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Martin Browne

Details Supplied: the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation

Dear Deputy Browne,

Tipperary University Hospital has filled all the vacancies under the Framework for Safe Nursing & Skill Mix.

The nursing department in Tipperary University Hospital has WTE 472.27. Currently the nursing department deficits are significant. However under the direction of the Director of Nursing recruitment is ongoing.

Recently a number of new starters are being processed with 17 Registered General Nurses expected before 31st July 2024. This will improve the current deficit, with international recruitment it is expected that a further 36 staff will join TippUH nursing department following a recent international recruitment drive.

New Graduates nurses will also commence in October 2024, the nursing department are currently in the process of taking nurses from an already established local panel in line with Memo 10885 (critical care, Emergency Medicine and patient flow)

The active recruitment of staff as outlined negates the current deficit and it is expected that TippUH nursing deficits will be corrected before yearend.

Corporate HSE has not indicated when the moratorium will cease however TippUH will continue to recruit as is permissible.



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Yours Sincerely

Ms. Maria Barry
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