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To ask the Minister for Health the reason the blood transfusion service has transferred to Cork University Hospital; the number of staff that have been relocated because of the change; the current staffing levels since the change of blood transfusion service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kenny

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The reason that blood transfusion services has transferred to CUH is because it could not be provided safely any longer at MGH due to insufficient staffing resources (due to resignation, maternity leave and long term sick leave) There has not been any staff relocated because of the change.

The current staffing resource within the laboratory in MGH is 2 WTE Medical Scientist (1 of whom is reassigned from CUH to MGH) and 1 WTE Lab Aide.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Deirdre O'Keefe

Interim Chief Executive Officer