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Deputy Pádraig O’Sullivan  
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Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of medical scientists employed at Cork University Hospital in 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of hospital laboratories that are currently placed on their prospective risk registers; and is she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O’Sullivan

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.

Year	No. of Medical Scientists
2022	157 WTE
2023	172 WTE
2024	164 WTE

The Laboratory has a risk register, the staffing levels are registered as a risk for each department.

There is an overall staffing risk on the hospital risk register.

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