

Bainisteoir Limistéar Sláinte Comhtháite Dhún na nGall

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PQ Ref 40128/25 To ask the Minister for Health the reason the senior radiographer post at Carndonagh Community Hospital, County Donegal has been delayed by two years; when this post will be filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question.

Having examined the matter, I can confirm that the Carndonagh Radiology post was vacant on 31st December 2023 and it was therefore not comprehended under the HSE Pay & Numbers (P&N) Strategy. A panel had been created for the post in November 2023, but prior to the post being filled, the P&N strategy was initiated which meant that posts vacant as at 31st December 2023 were not comprehended and could not be filled.

This post is currently being covered on a rostered basis, with radiographers from other areas of Community Radiology providing cover to keep the service running and utilising evening sessions to manage waiting lists.

It should be noted that this post has been submitted by HSE Human Resources for consideration under the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) agreement and we await the outcome of same. This inclusion of the post in the WRC data collection exercise is to seek development funding as part of the estimates process for 2026 to enable posts to be converted which are currently filled via agency, overtime or sessional arrangements.

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

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