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**RE: PQ 42658/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the HSE have requested that the Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Physiology (IICMP) get the two year postgraduate course in clinical measurement science (higher diploma) from Technological University Dublin accredited; that previously graduates from this course were hired by the HSE, but now recent graduates who have been offered positions in the HSE cannot get a contract as the course is still not accredited; the action she will take to ensure these graduates can take up their positions in the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

The HSE is obliged to ensure that all appointments to the health service meet approved eligibility criteria.

Under the Health Act 2004 this authority was delegated from the Department of Health to the HSE.

Many of the professionals the HSE recruit from are regulated professions, such as nursing by the NMBI, Doctors by the IMC, and many Health and Social care professions (HSCP) by CORU.

One of the key roles of these professional regulators is to ensure that training programmes for these regulated professions that are both ongoing and in development meet the standards of proficiency for that profession as determined by that regulator.

However, there remains a number of professions that do not have a professional regulator yet ensuring that there are appropriate standards in their professional education and training for these professions is no less critical to ensure patient safety. Clinical measurement Physiology is one such profession.

To this end and to ensure that the appropriate standards are set and met for clinical measurement physiology, the HSE has entered into a service level agreement with the **Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Physiology (IICMP)** an approach endorsed by the Department of Health.

This service agreement covers.

- Validation of Clinical Measurement Physiology qualifications for individuals with qualifications obtained outside of this state.
- To develop processes to assist with addressing any gaps identified where an individual's qualifications do not meet the Irish standards, where appropriate, to support future accreditation. To assist with the development of compensatory processes where applicable.
- Review, approval and monitoring of entry to practice programmes in Clinical Measurement Physiology.

The current eligibility criteria is attached <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/eligibility-criteria/clinical-measurement-physiologist-may-2020.pdf>



The development of a mechanism to add new programmes to the eligibility criteria is an essential joint shared focus for both the HSE and IICMP. To this end, in February of this year, standards of proficiency for [Clinical Measurement Physiology](#) were published.

This allows for education institutions across the state to apply for validation that their programme(s) either existing or in development meets the published standards of proficiency and this work is ongoing at a pace with our education partners.

As this work progresses, the HSE is working with all relevant stakeholders to maximise graduate numbers from Irish institutions giving primary consideration to patient safety.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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