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To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nurses working in chemotherapy wards in each of the relevant hospitals managed by South/Southwest Hospital Group; how this compares to optimum staffing levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for response.

Cork University Hospital

There are 14 whole time equivalent (WTE) Nurses working in the Chemotherapy Unit and 2 WTE vacancies due to Maternity Leave.

Mercy University Hospital

The approved number of whole time equivalent (WTE) Nurses in Oncology Services in Mercy University Hospital is 25.5, this includes the Lee Road and St. Bernadette services.

South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital

The SIVUH does not have a Chemotherapy Ward but has an Infusion Unit that administers Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy. The Infusion Unit also treats patients under other specialties (outside Oncology) with immunotherapy. The current sanctioned whole time equivalent (WTE) for the Infusion Unit is 4.40.

University Hospital Kerry

The following is the Oncology Nursing whole time equivalent (WTE) for UHK - 10.6 Nurses and this is for the Chemotherapy day ward and OPD

If you have any further queries on the above, please contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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