



Ref: PQ 42793/25

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Deputy Pádraig Rice
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Dear Deputy Rice

I refer to your parliamentary question below which has been forwarded to me for attention.

PQ 42793/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nurses working in chemotherapy wards in each of the relevant hospitals managed by Children's Health Ireland; how this compares to optimum staffing levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that there are currently 82.48 WTE nurses working in the oncology unit, inclusive of wards, outpatient departments and day units within CHI.

This care is provided by varying grades of nursing staff inclusive of staff nurses, nurse managers, nurse specialists and advanced nurse practitioners.

There are no agreed Safe Staffing levels for children's nursing in Ireland but we are currently undertaking research on a Safe staffing tool which is recognised in many children's hospitals in the UK and Canada. The Chief Nursing Officer in the Department of Health has been supportive with this piece of work.

Yours sincerely

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