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Deputy Jen Cummins
Dáil Eireann,
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PQ ref 29544/25 - To ask the Minister for Health when Dublin 12 will return to a full team of public health nurses; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cummins,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that the Nursing Service in the Dublin South City and West Integrated Healthcare Area is undergoing recruitment of Registered General Nurses in at present and would expect onboarding of nurses in the coming months. The aim is to enhance support for the population of Dublin 12 and will enable the Public Health Nurses (PHNs) currently working in this area to conduct Child Health Assessments more effectively. It is important to note that PHNs are primarily recruited through a sponsorship program. As of 12th June 2025, there have been no allocated student PHNs who have applied to complete their program with this service for the academic year 2025/2026. Regrettably, recruitment efforts are contingent on interest levels, and allocated placements make it challenging to project when PHN staffing in Dublin 12 will adequately meet the demands of the Child Health Screening program under the current recruitment model. The HSE will continue to work on recruitment of both public health nursing and registered general nurses for our community services.

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

Yours sincerely,

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