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Deputy Michael Cahill, T.D.,  
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**PQ ref 30744/25**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE nurses based at Killarney Community Hospital; if this number will be further increased before the end of 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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

Killarney Community Hospitals (St Columbanus’s Home and the District Hospital/Rehab Unit) currently has 47.8 WTE nurses based at the site. The new Killarney Community Nursing Unit will replace and enhance the current services provided at Killarney Community Hospitals and is being developed as part of a (PPP) Public Private Partnership development.

Workforce planning continues to progress across all staff disciplines to ensure the required complement and skill mix of staff will be in place to facilitate the operational schedule for the new unit, while also ensuring that safe staffing levels are maintained at the existing hospital site.

Finalisation of staffing models and union negotiations will be part of the preparations as we prepare to move from St Columbanus to the new building and as this process is currently ongoing, we cannot yet advise on how many posts or positions will be required before the end of 2025 until all components of this process have been finalised.

I trust this clarifies the position and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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