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Deputy Conor Sheehan,
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Dear Deputy Sheehan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 3rd March 2025.

HSE Mid West operates under the auspices of the national HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy 2024, where WTE (wholetime equivalent) baseline ceilings are founded on the 31st December 2023 position.

The HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy has been approved by the Department of Health and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

Under the strategy, the HSE Mid West Region has been provided with its own specified number of WTEs and can, within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts. This provides greater flexibility for health regions to respond to the needs of the population and prioritise posts appropriately. Recruitment is ongoing across all staff categories in the HSE Mid West.

The table below sets out the number of nursing staff in post at the Emergency Department at University Hospital Limerick on February 28th 2025. Please note this represents a variance of -4.96 WTE below the funded WTE position as of December 31st 2023.

Hospital	Organisational Unit	Staff Category	WTE	WTE	WTE Variance Dec 2023 Ceiling v Feb 2025
			DEC 2023	FEB 2025	
UH Limerick	Accident & Emergency UHL	Nursing & Midwifery	159.51	154.55	-4.96

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind Regards,

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