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Mr. David Cullinane, TD

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**PQ 14070/25 (Health): To ask the Minister for Health how many HSE scholarships / bursaries were granted to students to undertake a physician's associate studies programme annually since 2017 - David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

In an effort to respond to your PQ the HSE Access & Integration Function have confirmed the number of students who undertook a PA studies programme in 2024 and 2025.

- 2024 - 34 PA Students
- 2025 - 12 PA Students

Previously, the HSE Acute Operations entered into an agreement with the RCSI [RCSI – Homepage - Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland](#) and collaboratively provided governance to the PA programme which was facilitated by individual hospitals. National HR cannot provide data during this time as it was not collated centrally.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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