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PQ 26076/25 (Health) – To ask the Minister for Health the reason her department has not made available Requisite funds to hire qualified persons with experienced for radiotherapy positions in the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter - Paul Donnelly

Dear Deputy,

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

In the past 5 years, the HSE workforce has grown from 119,818 WTE on January 01st 2020 to 149,045 WTE in April 2025, an increase of 24%. Whilst there is no specific grade of Radiotherapist, there has been an increase in the staff category of Radiography from 1229 WTE to 1575 WTE and for Radiation Therapists from 199 WTE to 221 WTE.

The HSE is actively recruiting for both Radiographers and Radiation Therapists on an ongoing basis. There has been specific targeted campaigns on the HSE Career Hub for these grades. The purpose of these marketing initiatives is to increase the candidate pool and interest in these services, examples of which are <https://careerhub.hse.ie/radiation-therapist> and <https://careerhub.hse.ie/breastcheck>

The HSE is obliged to operate within the funding envelope allocated and each of the six HSE Health Regions and each national service have been allocated with their own specified number of WTEs, and they can, within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts. This provides greater flexibility for Health Regions and national services to respond to the needs of the population and prioritise posts appropriately for all staff categories to include radiotherapy positions.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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