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Deputy Paul Lawless
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Re: PQ 49365 25

To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the implementation of the safe staffing framework at Mayo University Hospital; the findings of any audit or assessment conducted into staffing levels at the hospital; the timeline for full implementation of the framework at Mayo University Hospital; to estimate the number of additional staff expected to be allocated under the framework; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Paul Lawless

Dear Deputy Lawless,

I refer to the above representation;

Please note the Stage 1 Safer Staffing in Mayo University Hospital has been fully implemented, this is for the inpatient Medical and Surgical wards. There is a final stage where notification has come through recently to increase a further allocation of 8.5 WTE. They will go into the estimates for 2026.

Step 1 of Stage 2 Safer Staffing which is the Emergency Department has now been fully approved with an increase of 15 WTE nursing staff and a 3.5 Healthcare Assistant, they are currently being resourced with offers having gone out to 6 Nursing staff and 2 Healthcare Assistants.

We are running a panel for supplementary nursing staff and expect the further positions will be able to be offered out to those with an optimistic target of having these staff in post by year end, depending on availability of the staff post interview and appointment.

The Step 2 of the Emergency Department Safer Staffing is part of the estimates process in 2026, as these are new development posts. The expectation is these will be funded throughout the estimates process in 2026.

Thank you for your query, I hope this clarifies the matter.

Kind Regards,

Catherine Donohoe
Hospital Manager