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REF: PQ 49925/25

RE: To ask the Minister for Health
the number of security staff hired directly and through agency in Galway University Hospital;
the number that are hired directly, and through agencies; the overall cost, from 2020 to 2024, per year;
and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Mairéad Farrell

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The HSE has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, please see below:

	HSE Staff		Agency Staff	
Year	WTEs	Cost	WTEs	Cost
2020	15	€833,846	Average 50 staff a year (exact figures not available)	€ 1,714,623.49
2021	16	€897,848		€ 1,865,816.31
2022	19.88	€1,250,431		€ 1,849,813.85
2023	21.07	€1,512,166		€ 1,518,824.20
2024	22.00	€1,758,249		€ 1,701,844.00

In relation to contract security staff in Galway University Hospitals during the period from 2020-2024, the company which was successful following the tender process, employed an average of 50 staff per year to provide contract security services at the two public hospitals in Galway city. The number of contract security staff deployed at the hospitals each day varied, based on demand levels.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
General Manager
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