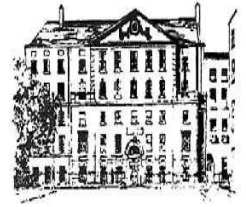




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*"To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE neonatal nurses working in the National Maternity Hospital in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased later this year?"*

Dear Deputy Donnelly

In response to the above PQ please see below:

<b>National Maternity Hospital</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024 to date</b>
Neonatal Nurses	74 WTE	74 WTE
HSE Allocation is 76 WTE - NMH expect to recruit two additional nurses over the coming months.		

The NMH would require an average of 5 - 6 additional nurses annually to achieve the appropriate neonatal staffing levels as per the BAPM (British Association of Perinatal Medicine) guidelines used internationally to compare acuity rates in an NICU and the staffing levels.

Yours sincerely

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