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PQ 8101/24 – Regional Hospital Mullingar Staff Vacancies

Dear Deputy Clarke

Some staff categories and services are not included in the recruitment pause, including key frontline positions which are exempt from this to ensure the impact on services and patients is at a minimum.

Regional Hospital Mullingar has 1,190.28 wte staffing across all disciplines, representing a 30% growth since 2019. Currently there is a large number of permanent and temporary vacancies including 97.31 Nursing/Midwifery (Staff Nurse and Midwifery vacancies have rolling campaigns) and 27.3 HSCP, 11 Consultants/ 6 NCHDs vacancies.

Recruitment campaigns are being managed in line with national HR policies and derogation processes that are in place. National guidance on the 2024 pay and numbers strategy is also expected in the coming weeks.

The HSE will also be offering more than 1,600 permanent contracts of employment to all Nursing and Midwifery graduates as well as to all Health/Social Care (HSCP) graduates. There are more than 1,000 HSCP final-year students who are in a position to qualify for these roles, on completion of their courses.

Yours sincerely

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