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Deputy Thomas Gould  
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**To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that housekeeping staff in CUH have been informed that they are not entitled to take annual leave in the coming months unless necessary due to the recruitment embargo; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Gould

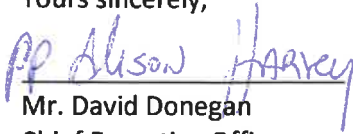
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

All staff in CUH are legally entitled to receive their annual leave. This annual leave is signed off by their Line Manager or Deputy Manager. Due to the numbers of staff working in certain areas it is not always possible to authorise all requests for the same dates. However this does not stop staff from applying for other dates.

The notice was put up to let staff know that the next coming months annual leave allocations were filling up rapidly and to ensure that as many as possible staff would receive their requests.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

  
Mr. David Donegan  
Chief Executive Officer