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PQ 28518/24 – Deputy Ged Nash - To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 39 advanced nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist inflammatory bowel disease related posts that were to be appointed by approximately July 2023 who have been formally recruited and have commenced their employment; the number who have been empanelled and are awaiting formal offers of employment; the number of successful candidates who have been informed that their post is lost and will not proceed; when posts still on offer will be filled, by each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Nash,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

In 2023, 39 Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Nurse Specialist posts were commissioned for the Gastroenterology Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Modernised Care Pathway (MCP) across a number of sites. Appointments were made for 11 of these posts and post holders commenced their employment in 2023. During 2023, the pause on recruitment impacted further appointments.

In 2024, an additional 5 Gastroenterology IBD nursing posts have been approved for recruitment within the WTE ceiling assigned to the Modernised Care Pathways Initiative.

Kind regards,

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