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Deputy David Cullinane TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re PQ 30353 24: *To ask the Minister for Health the all in cost of an additional one WTE senior staff nurse per local and regional DATF.*

Clarification: 'Just for the purposes of the PQ could you include the number of L&R DATFs.'

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Please see the table below with the estimated annual pay cost only of recruiting one additional Senior Staff Nurse General for the grade code noted.

| Grade | Grade Descriptor | No | Fully Burdened Salary per annum per WTE € | Total Cost per Annum €M |
|-------|-------------------------------|----|---|-------------------------|
| 2173 | Staff Nurse, Senior (General) | 1 | €77,743 | €0.08 |

All estimates above were provided by the National Pay Unit of the National Finance Division and are calculated using the midpoint of the June 2024 HSE pay scales. From this, an average annual fully burdened salary is calculated (i.e. including average premium and employers PRSI) for the Grade and position noted. These costs are full year pay only estimates including average allowances, OT and other premia associated with the grade codes. Also included is ER PRSI at 11.05%. No other ancillary costs outside of those noted are considered.

In addition to the pay costs above it is reasonable to expect that there are other non-pay costs associated with the recruitment process i.e. advertising, interview boards, possible travel expenses etc. Additionally it is reasonable to assume that there may be ancillary support services associated with the new posts arising from the implied additional activity that would be undertaken as a result of the increased number of staff. Some of these services may be drawn from existing cost pools however there may be incremental costs incurred i.e. facilities costs, admin support, medical support teams etc. These have not been included in the estimates above. The estimated annual pay costs of employing additional staff must be considered in this context.



This year the HSE has established six new Health Regions and Integrated Healthcare Area's that will be the operating unit within the Health Region that will serve a population of on average 300,000, and will take account of varying geographies, population size, local needs, and services. For the Deputy's information there are 14 Local Drug and Alcohol Task Forces (12 in the greater Dublin region, 1 in Bray and 1 in Cork) and 10 Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forces in Ireland.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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