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PQ: 31554/24

To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the recruitment of staff for the pricing and reimbursement system; how many of the 34 roles announced have been filled; how many have been advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Sherlock

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 31554/24), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

HSE Medicines Management Programme – 6 posts

One senior epidemiologist post has been offered to a candidate successful at interview and the individual commenced in the role on 29th July 2024.

Chief II Pharmacist roles (5): Interviews have been completed and offers have been made to successful candidates. Start dates for two candidates have been confirmed: one for September 2024 and another has been confirmed for mid-2025 (due to maternity leave). Start dates are being confirmed with other successful candidates.

HSE Corporate Pharmaceutical Unit (PCRS) – 10 posts

Under campaign number NRS14524 Pharmacist Chief I roles (2) are currently being advertised. The closing date for applications is the 5th September 2024.

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Under campaign number NRS14371 Pharmacist, Chief II roles (4) were advertised. Shortlisting for interview has completed and candidates have been provided with interview dates.

Under campaign number NRS14370 Pharmacist Senior role (1) has been advertised and shortlisting for interview has been completed and candidates are being contacted with interview dates.

The preparations for a campaign for one Pharmacist Executive Manager 3 (PEM3) (1 role) are being finalised.

Additional administrative roles (2) are expected to be recruited when the pharmacy campaigns are completed.

National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics – 16 posts

Senior Statistician (3): Interviews have been completed and offers have been made to successful candidates. Two posts have been filled and one post has been offered with a start date to be confirmed for that offered post.

Senior Health Technology Assessor (4): Interviews have been completed and three posts have been filled. One post remains unfilled.

Statistician (1): Interviews have been completed and the post has been offered with an expected start date of 16 September 2024

Health Technology Assessor (7): Interviews have been completed and seven posts have been offered. Start dates are being confirmed with successful candidates.

Program Manager (1): Interviews have been completed and the post has been offered. Start date is being confirmed with successful candidate.

HSE National Cancer Control Programme – 2 posts

Under campaign number NRS14505 Pharmacist, Chief II was advertised with a closing date of 19th August 2024. Shortlisting meeting has been scheduled and shortlisted candidates will be contacted with interview dates post same.

Under campaign number NRS14506 Pharmaceutical Technician Senior is currently being advertised. The closing date for applications is the 28th August 2024.

Expected Timelines
The HSE recruitment process involves a series of steps which must be followed including:

- Approval of Job description and terms and conditions for the specific role
- Advertisement of role
- Eligibility check and shortlisting process
- Notice of interview (with at least 2 weeks notice period of same)
- Interview process
- Results of Interview
- Job Offer
- Clearance (including Garda Vetting)
- Contracting
- Appointment (including candidates notice period to previous employer)

All of these steps must be completed before a candidate can commence in a role. These steps can take up to 6 months to complete.

Yours sincerely,

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