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To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the nursing vacancies in UHL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

Please see below the total number of nursing vacancies at University Hospital Limerick (UHL):

Current Nursing WTE UHL	Vacancies
1377.32	240.46 (of which 132.92 are permanent vacancies)

The data includes both permanent vacancies, where a post is unfilled, as well as temporary vacancies, which are mitigated through the significant use of agency, overtime and redeployment.

As you may be aware, the HSE has now finalised its Pay and Numbers Strategy following detailed discussion over the last number of months with the Department of Health and the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform. There is now a new approved maximum Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) staff figure for the HSE of 129,753. (This excludes disability services provided by the HSE and its S 38 organisations in that sector, pre-registration nursing and midwifery students, and 76 special assignment temporary posts).

Each of the six HSE Health Regions and each national service will be provided with its own specified number of WTEs and can within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise. This strategy provides the HSE and section 38 organisations delivering services on the HSE's behalf with certainty and clarity in terms of their workforce allocations and funding for the remainder of this year and into 2025.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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