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Ms. Pauline Tully T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 33545/23 “To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the number of vacancies at Cavan General Hospital; the grade of each vacancy; the length of time the vacancy has been available, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pauline Tully”

Dear Deputy Tully,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Please see HSE response of the 25.07.24 below;

‘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 and Section 38 Agencies 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 they can, within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts. This allocation process is underway. This provides greater flexibility for Health Regions and national services to respond to the needs of the population and prioritise posts appropriately.’

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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