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Deputy Thomas Gould Dail Eireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff currently employed in the high dependency unit in Cork University Hospital.

Dear Deputy Gould

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Cork University Hospital does not have a high dependency unit. Where appropriate high dependency patients are treated in the ICU. The ICU currently has 162 WTE nursing staff which equates to 28 staffed ICU beds.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. David Donegan

Chief Executive Officer