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Deputy Duncan Smith,  
Kildare Street,  
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**PQ Ref 19653/24**

***\* To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE suicide crisis assessment nurses in each hospital part of the South/South West Hospital Group in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form\*.***

***- Deputy Duncan Smith***

Dear Deputy Smith,

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

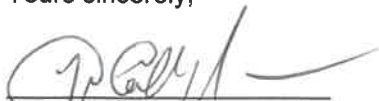
<b>Number of WTE Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurses</b>			
<b>Hospital</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024 to date</b>
<b>Cork University Hospital</b>	3	3	2
<b>Mercy University Hospital *</b>	0	0	0
<b>University Hospital Kerry **</b>	0	0	0

\* Mercy University Hospital (MUH) have advised that services of a Psychiatric Liaison Crisis Nurse from St Michael's Acute Psychiatry Unit are available to MUH.

\*\* University Hospital Kerry (UHK) have advised that although they do not have any suicide crisis assessment nurses, they do have 3 Clinical Nurse Specialists in Self Harm based in the Emergency Department. These nurses provide cover 7 days a week, from 8am to 8pm and work in accordance with the National Clinical Programme for Self-Harm and Suicide-related Ideation.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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