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PQ 21463/24

To ask the Minister for Health if he will end the recruitment embargo at University Hospital Limerick to ensure safe staffing measures are implemented; 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.

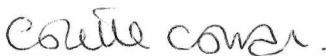
There are a number of exemptions to the recruitment pause in place in critical service areas such as the ED, Critical Care and Midwifery.

Safer Staffing has been in place in the Emergency Department since September 2023 following the recruitment of 21.5 staff nurses. Safer Staffing has funding approval and has been implemented on a number of inpatient wards in University Hospital Limerick and in Ennis and Nenagh hospitals.

As part of the measures of support recently announced by the Minister for Health, recruitment to extend Safer Staffing to all inpatient wards has commenced. Following the recruitment process it is anticipated that Safer Staffing will be in place across all inpatient wards at University Hospital Limerick in the final quarter of this year.

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

Yours sincerely,



Ms Colette Cowan
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