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To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the issues highlighted by an organisation (details supplied) in recent correspondence; the number of nursing vacancies that are currently unfilled in Tipperary University Hospital; when these positions will be filled; when the recruitment moratorium will be removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Lowry

Details Supplied: the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation; the INMO confirmed that over 70 nursing vacancies are currently unfilled in Tipperary University Hospital, Clonmel due to the HSE's ongoing recruitment moratorium

Dear Deputy Lowry,

The nursing department in Tipperary University Hospital has the following WTE 472.27. Currently the nursing department deficits are significant. However under the direction of the Director of Nursing recruitment is ongoing.

Recently a number of new starters are being processed with 17 Registered General Nurses expected before 31st July 2024. This will improve the current deficit, with international recruitment it is expected that a further 36 staff will join TippUH nursing department following a recent international recruitment drive.

New Graduates nurses will also commence in October 2024, the nursing department are currently in the process of taking nurses from an already established local panel in line with Memo 10885 (critical care, Emergency Medicine and patient flow)

The active recruitment of staff as outlined negates the current deficit and it is expected that TippUH nursing deficits will be corrected before yearend.

Corporate HSE has not indicated when the moratorium will cease however TippUH will continue to recruit as is permissible.



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Yours Sincerely

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