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PQ 43928/24 (Health) – To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the lack of payment for clinical placement in fields such as general nursing, mental health nursing, early childhood education, medicine, social care and beyond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Paul Murphy

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

As you are aware the training for healthcare workers inclusive of Doctors, Nurses etc., are conducted through a number of institutes in higher education across the country. A core part of the students training is obtaining the appropriate clinical experience and exposure in targeted clinical settings and governed by robust supervisory structures in order to meet the criteria to meet the needs of individual regulators.

This component of their training is largely provided by the publicly funded health services. To accommodate this requires significant investment in the development and delivery of the clinical infrastructure.

The remuneration of students is a matter of government pay policy and not a matter for the HSE. It should be noted that student Nurses and Midwives in their intern year prior to professional registration are paid a salary of 86% of a qualified Nurse or midwife. Doctors in their internship year are also paid.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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