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Mr Peadar Tóibín TD
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 41839/24

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of cyber security staff recruited by the HSE in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024.”

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

Prior to 2021 Cyber Security was embedded in each of the existing functions. There weren't separate cyber security teams

Since 2021 we have created a separate cyber security unit. On creation of the unit 13 staff were assigned from within the existing IT teams. Since then, we have recruited additional staff as follows:

- 2022 – 7 staff recruited to the CISO Office
- 2023 – 16 staff recruited to the CISO Office
- 2024 – 8 staff recruited to the CISO Office

These staff are specialist cyber staff who are also augmented by external security partners who provide specialist and highly skilled cyber services.

If you feel that the question has not been fully answered or you require any further clarity, please contact me.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Fran Thompson'.

Fran Thompson,
Chief Information Officer, Technology and Transformation, HSE.