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Deputy Matt Shanahan T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 E:_matt.shanahan@oireachtas.ie

Re: PQ 33920/24 – To ask the Minister for Health the total number of additional positions that UHW will be awarded authority to recruit or replace as part of the proposed service expansion allowed, outside of staffing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Matt Shanahan

Details Supplied: The recent HSE recruitment embargo has now lifted which is to be welcomed. As part of this lifting UHW has been approved recruitment of 14 WTEs across a range of service staff to provide additional hours in order to implement 7 day cath lab rota at UHW. I understand the total approvals nationwide are circa 2600 or so given this figure is available it stands to reason that the review which has identified this needed number has also identified and prioritised some of the critical staff shortfalls at UHW – in respect of all

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update regarding staffing at University Hospital Waterford, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that as part of planned service expansion, University Hospital Waterford has been allocated additional extra posts in the National Service Plan 2024. In addition, University Hospital Waterford has been allocated posts under the Nursing Safe Staffing framework.

While recruiting new posts is a priority, all hospitals are required to manage recruitment in line with financial and HR limits.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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