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Deputy Mairéad Farrell Houses of the Oireachtas, Leinster House, Dublin 2, D02 XR20.

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Re: PQ 34342/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of applicants for [sponsorship under the Public Health Service Employees Sponsorship Scheme]; the number of successful applicants; the total amount of funding provided in the academic years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Mairéad Farrell

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Public Health Service Employees Sponsorship Scheme, as outlined in HSE HR Circular 40/2020, supports employees who wish to train as nurses or midwives. The following table summarises the number of applications received, the number of sponsorships awarded, and the total amount of funding provided for the academic years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024.

Academic Year	Applications Received	Sponsorships Awarded	Year 1 Funding (Salary and Student Contribution Fee)	Total Funding for the 4 Years	Sponsorship Allocation (by HSE Area)
2021-2022	217	30	€1,258,788.46	€5,035,153.84	HSE South: 9, HSE Dublin Mid Leinster: 9, HSE Dublin North East: 6, HSE West: 6
2022-2023	111	30	€1,287,979.06	€5 151 916 24	HSE South: 9, HSE Dublin Mid Leinster: 9, HSE Dublin North East: 6, HSE West: 6
2023-2024	139	30	€1,375,237.18		HSE South: 9, HSE Dublin Mid Leinster: 9, HSE Dublin North East: 6, HSE West: 6

Yours sincerely,

John F Scott General Manager