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Mr. Duncan Smith T.D.  
Dáil Éireann,  
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Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question 37468/24** “To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE scrub nurses working at the Mater Hospital in 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form. - Duncan Smith”

Dear Deputy Smith,

The RCSI Hospital Group has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Please see below WTE Theatre Nurses as follows:

Year	Theatre Nurse WTE
2024	119.26
2023	116.34
2022	99.14

To note, Theatre nurses are not categorised as scrubs nurses, all theatre nurses are trained to work in all roles as required – e.g. circulating nurse/scrub nurse etc.

The WTE increase is due to the expansion in theatre capacity from 10 theatres in 2014 to 15 theatres in 2024.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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