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Mr Pearse Doherty, TD Constituency Office Magheracloghar Derrybeg Letterkenny Co Donegal

PQ ref 2756/21:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons recruited in County Donegal to work in Covid-19 testing centres; if there are any vacancies for such positions within the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Response:

The recruitment campaign for the Letterkenny Test Centre was given an initial target of 22 whole time equivalent Swabbing staff.

To date the campaign has contracted 25 people equivalent to 24.2 WTE's. This takes account of staff turnover since the establishment of the Test Centre. There are no current vacancies, but one person – subject to a previous PQ52431 - 20 from you - is due to start on Thursday 21st January 2020.

The temporary test centre in Donegal Town is operated on behalf of the HSE by the National Ambulance Service.

Yours sincerely

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