

Question on Notice

No. 548

Asked on 25 May 2022

DR M ROBINSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION

With reference to nursing staff at the Redland Hospital—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of agency-based nurses engaged to complement permanent full time equivalent nursing personnel over the last five years (reported separately by year) and (b) the staffing ratio comprised by agency nurses over this timeframe?

ANSWER

I have been advised by the Hospital and Health Service that over the past five years the agency usage for Nursing and Midwifery Services at Redland Hospital has ranged between 0.06 per cent to 1.14 per cent.

The percentage of agency nurses is at 1.09 per cent, year to date (YTD). The Nursing Agency Full Time Equivalent (FTE) during this period has ranged between 0.29 FTE and 5.75 FTE. Agency nurse FTE is 5.63 FTE YTD.

Table 1 provides a tabular summary of these data.

Table 1. Redland Hospital Nursing FTE - 2018-2022					
Nursing	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
All Paid FTE	437.14	471.39	504.94	516.75	518.33
Agency FTE	2.26	4.4	5.75	0.29	5.63
Percentage agency nursing usage	0.52%	0.93%	1.14%	0.06%	1.09%