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PQ 16800/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists employed in each CHO; and the equivalent figures for the same date in 2017 and 2018, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Murphy O'Mahony,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question in relation to numbers of personnel employed in the public health service which was forwarded to the HSE by the Department of Health for direct reply.

Firstly, I should point out that staffing figures provided generally relate to direct employment levels as returned through the Health Service Personnel Census (HSPC), which is the official employment count for the public health sector (HSE and Section 38 Voluntary Hospitals & Agencies), Numbers equating to service levels are expressed as whole-time equivalents (WTE) taking account of part-time working, whereas headcount (HC) gives the number of individuals. In order to provide the Deputy with complete information, the response to this question has been expanded to encompass details for all Speech & Language Therapists in the public health sector including Hospital Services and Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs).

In relation to the Deputy's question, at 28 February 2019, there were 135,742 personnel (equating to 117,857 WTE) directly employed in the provision of Health and Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 organisations and of which 1,283 (1,125 WTE) were Speech & Language Therapists.

Details as requested by the Deputy for each Hospital Group and CHO are set out in the following table:

## Speech & Language Therapists by Hospital Group & CHO (Feb 2017 – Feb 2019)

Hospital Group & CHO	WTE Feb 2017	WTE Feb 2018	WTE Feb 2019	change since Feb 2018	% change since Feb 2018	change since Feb 2017	% change since Feb 2017	HC Feb 2019
<b>Total Speech &amp; Language Therapists</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>+2.1%</b>	<b>+90</b>	<b>+8.7%</b>	<b>1,283</b>
Children's Health Ireland	11	13	13	-0.1	-0.7%	+1.7	+15.0%	18
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	37	37	42	+5.8	+15.8%	+5.8	+15.8%	47
Ireland East Hospital Group	31	35	38	+2.6	+7.4%	+7.5	+24.6%	42
RCSI Hospitals Group	36	36	41	+5.1	+14.4%	+4.8	+13.4%	43
Saolta University Hospital Care	14	15	17	+1.1	+7.1%	+2.4	+16.5%	19
South/South West Hospital Group	26	32	34	+2.0	+6.1%	+8.1	+30.8%	37
University of Limerick Hospital Group	3	4	6	+1.6	+41.1%	+2.3	+71.3%	7
other Acute Services			1	+1.0	-100%	+1.0	-100%	1
<b>Acute Services</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>+19</b>	<b>+11.1%</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>+21.2%</b>	<b>214</b>
CHO 1	67	74	72	-2.1	-2.8%	+5.3	+7.9%	82
CHO 2	90	97	102	+4.7	+4.9%	+11.4	+12.7%	117
CHO 3	53	58	55	-2.7	-4.6%	+2.7	+5.1%	67
CHO 4	134	138	131	-6.9	-5.0%	-2.7	-2.0%	155
CHO 5	97	103	105	+2.5	+2.4%	+8.3	+8.6%	115
CHO 6	86	79	91	+12.1	+15.2%	+5.2	+6.0%	105
CHO 7	111	125	127	+2.4	+1.9%	+16.7	+15.1%	138
CHO 8	108	118	107	-11.4	-9.7%	-1.8	-1.6%	132
CHO 9	131	137	143	+5.3	+3.9%	+12.1	+9.2%	158
other Community Services	0.3				-100%	-0.3	-100%	
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>+0.4%</b>	<b>+57</b>	<b>+6.5%</b>	<b>1,069</b>

Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Note 1: Health Sector staffing figures relate to direct employment levels as returned through the Health Service Personnel Census (HSPC) for the public health sector (HSE & Section 38 Voluntary Agencies).

Note 2: Figures relating to service levels are expressed as while-time equivalents (WTE) in order to take account of part-time working.

The Deputy will be interested to note that 83% of these personnel are employed in Community Services (which includes disabilities & services for older people), with the remainder in the Acute Hospital sector. Workforce levels are updated monthly and are available at: <https://hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/>

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,



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