



**Pleanáil agus Faisnéis Straitéiseach d'Fhórsa**

Ionad Gnó Shoird  
Bóthar Bhaile Anraí, Sord.  
Co. Átha Cliath, K67D8H0

**Strategic Workforce Planning & Intelligence**

Health Service Executive  
Swords Business Campus, Balheary Road  
Swords,  
Co. Dublin, K67D8H0

18 April 2019

Deputy Margaret Murphy O'Mahony  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

PQ 16801/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational 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 Occupational Therapists in the public health sector including Hospital Services and Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs).

In relation to the Deputy's question, at 31 March 2019, there were 137,748 personnel (equating to 118,984 WTE) directly employed in the provision of Health and Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 organisations and of which 1,790 (1,593 WTE) were Occupational Therapists.

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

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

Service Area	WTE Mar 2017	WTE Mar 2018	WTE Mar 2019	change since Mar 2018	% change since Mar 2018	change since Mar 2017	% change since Mar 2017	No. Mar 2019
<b>Total Occupational Therapists</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>+56</b>	<b>+3.7%</b>	<b>+96</b>	<b>+6.4%</b>	<b>1,790</b>
Children's Health Ireland	14	14	20	+7	+47.7%	+6	+44.1%	22
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	60	66	69	+3	+5.2%	+9	+14.9%	75
Ireland East Hospital Group	71	72	69	-3	-3.6%	-2	-2.4%	76
RCSI Hospitals Group	59	60	59	-1	-1.2%	+0	+0.1%	64
Saolta University Hospital Care	50	53	56	+3	+6.4%	+6	+12.0%	62
South/South West Hospital Group	42	42	44	+3	+6.5%	+2	+5.0%	50
University of Limerick Hospital Group	5	6	5	-1	-18.9%	-0	-1.8%	5
<b>Acute Services</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>+3.7%</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>+7.2%</b>	<b>354</b>
CHO 1	121	117	127	+10	+8.5%	+6	+5.0%	146
CHO 2	111	114	116	+2	+1.7%	+5	+4.7%	131
CHO 3	74	75	89	+14	+18.3%	+15	+20.7%	99
CHO 4	158	165	171	+6	+3.6%	+13	+8.0%	197
CHO 5	118	127	127	-0	-0.3%	+9	+7.8%	139
CHO 6	125	127	129	+2	+1.8%	+3	+2.8%	153
CHO 7	168	174	185	+10	+5.9%	+17	+10.3%	203
CHO 8	137	138	134	-4	-2.9%	-2	-1.7%	154
CHO 9	177	179	183	+4	+2.4%	+6	+3.7%	204
other Community Services	8	9	9	+1	+5.7%	+2	+18.9%	10
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>+45</b>	<b>+3.6%</b>	<b>+75</b>	<b>+6.3%</b>	<b>1,436</b>

Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Note<sup>1</sup>: 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<sup>2</sup>: 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 80% 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,



Des Williams  
General Manager