



23/05/2019

Deputy Stephen Donnelly,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 16960/19

To ask the Minister for Health the capacity in primary care in whole-time equivalent terms for the positions outlined on page 9 of the Executive Report of the Health Service Capacity Review 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Stephen Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The report referenced was independently commissioned by the Department of Health and completed by PA Consulting. The HSE therefore would not be in a position to comment on its content.

From a HSE perspective we have the following numbers of people working in the listed professions. This is reflective of the number of people directly employed by the HSE and does not include the number of posts that are approved but which are as yet unfilled, or the number of people working in these areas outside the HSE.

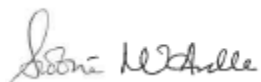
Please note the figure provided for GP's is not specific to Primary Care and represents the total number of GP's contracted to the HSE. Please also note that "practice nurse" is not a job title within the HSE. These posts are employed directly by individual GPs. We have provided the number of staff nurses currently working in the HSE, which is the recognised grade in our organisation.

Table 1: Staffing Numbers

Area of Practice	WTE
GP	2,941
Staff Nurse	864.2
Public Health Nurse	1,499
Physiotherapist	569
SLT	562.44
OT	536.62

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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