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PQ 5660/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of personnel at all levels involved in the delivery of the public health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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 figures give the number of individuals.

The Deputy will be interested to note that at 31st December 2018, there were 131,926 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. This figure represents a 3,560 WTE (+3.1%) increase on the outturn for the corresponding date in 2017. Details as requested by the Deputy are set out in the following table:

Public Health Service Employment at Dec 2018

Staff Category /Group	WTE Dec 2018	No. Dec 2018
Total Health Service	117,857	135,742
Medical & Dental	10,467	11,259
Consultants	3,096	3,425
Registrars	3,559	3,686
SHO/ Interns	3,076	3,126
Medical/ Dental, other	737	1,022
Nursing & Midwifery	37,644	43,098
Nurse/ Midwife Manager	7,799	8,519
Nurse/ Midwife Specialist & AN/MP	1,860	2,103
Staff Nurse/ Staff Midwife	25,595	29,680
Public Health Nurse	1,541	1,811
Nursing/ Midwifery Student	533	633
Nursing/ Midwifery other	317	352
Health & Social Care	16,496	18,749
Therapy Professions	5,232	6,016
Health Science/ Diagnostics	4,416	4,899
Social Care	2,607	3,064
Social Workers	1,172	1,309
Psychologists	985	1,112
Pharmacy	975	1,093
H&SC, Other	1,109	1,256
Management & Administrative	18,504	20,653
Management (VIII & above)	1,747	1,785
Administrative/ Supervisory (V to VII)	4,857	5,203
Clerical (III & IV)	11,901	13,665
General Support	9,454	10,994
Support	8,275	9,778
Maintenance/ Technical	1,180	1,216
Patient & Client Care	25,292	30,989
Health Care Assistants	17,091	19,624
Home Help	3,552	6,134
Ambulance Staff	1,782	1,820
Care, other	2,867	3,411

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 Hospitals & Agencies).

Note2: Figures relating to service levels are expressed as while-time equivalents (WTE) in order to take account of part-time working, whereas No. (headcount) shows the number of individuals.

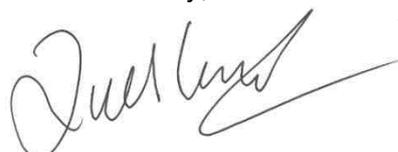
Note3: Directly employed home help staff are included in reported WTE w.e.f. 2018 Pre-registration Student Nurses on clinical placement are recorded @ 50% actual WTE in line with WRC agreement.

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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