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Deputy Jack Chambers,
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of GMS general practitioners in Dublin 15; the number of GMS general practitioners per CHO group nationally; the breakdown by population in this regard; the number of public health nurses in each CHO group nationally; the breakdown by population in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Jack Chambers

Dear Deputy Chambers,

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.

Please find below Table 1, containing the number of General Practitioners per CHO and LHO area. Unfortunately data is not captured per county, or per post code. Also find Table 2, containing information on the number of Public Health Nurses working in each CHO and its associated population. Please also note that a monthly breakdown of national GP staffing can be found on the HSE website on the following link <https://www.sspcrs.ie/portal/annual-reporting> under contractor reports.

Table 1: GP Breakdown per CHO and LHO

Community Healthcare Organisation	General Practitioners	Population of CHO
CHO Area 1	234	391,281
LHO 13 - Cavan / Monaghan	72	
LHO 19 - Donegal	99	
LHO 20 - Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	63	
CHO Area 2	315	453,109
LHO 16 - Galway	192	
LHO 17 - Mayo	89	
LHO 18 - Roscommon	34	

CHO Area 3	245	384,998
LHO 21 - Clare	53	
LHO 22 - North Tipp./East Limerick	53	
LHO 23 - Limerick	139	
CHO Area 4	475	690,575
LHO 24 - South Lee	143	
LHO 25 - North Lee	126	
LHO 26 - West Cork	44	
LHO 27 - Kerry	103	
LHO 28 - North Cork	59	
CHO Area 5	291	511,070
LHO 29 - Carlow/Kilkenny	85	
LHO 30 - Waterford	74	
LHO 31 - South Tipperary	58	
LHO 32 - Wexford	74	
CHO Area 6	282	393,239
LHO 1 - Dun Laoghaire	113	
LHO 2 - Dublin South East	92	
LHO 7 - Wicklow	77	
CHO Area 7	377	697,644
LHO 3 - Dublin South City	107	
LHO 4 - Dublin South West	100	
LHO 5 - Dublin West	67	
LHO 6 - Kildare / West Wicklow	103	
CHO Area 8	338	619,281
LHO 14 - Louth	82	
LHO 15 - Meath	84	
LHO 8 - Laois / Offaly	80	
LHO 9 - Longford / Westmeath	92	
CHO Area 9	378	621,405
LHO 10 - Dublin North West	100	
LHO 11 - Dublin North Central	125	
LHO 12 - Dublin North	153	
Total	2,935	4,762,602

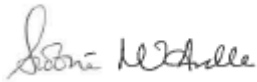
Table 2: PHN Breakdown per CHO

Area	PHN – WTE	Population of CHO
CHO 1	218.04	391,281
CHO 2	297.13	453,109
CHO 3	132.8	384,998
CHO 4	339.93	690,575
CHO 5	182.41	511,070
CHO 6	118	393,239
CHO 7	296.04	697,644
CHO 8	221.65	619,281
CHO 9	176	621,405
Total	1,982	4,762,602

Please note Table 2 gives the whole time equivalent (wte) number for Public Health Nursing by CHO. The actual number of Public Health Nurses is greater as a proportion of staff avail of reduced working hours, job sharing and other types of flexible working arrangements. It should be noted that PHNs are only one grade of the Community Nursing Service which also has other grades including Community RGNs. Therefore the total number of staff providing nursing services within Primary Care is in excess of the numbers detailed in Table 2.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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