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PQ 4514/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dieticians employed by the HSE across the service; the number of dieticians employed by location and or primary care centre in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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 & Section 38 Voluntary 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. In order to provide the Deputy with complete information, the response to this question has been expanded to encompass details for all dietitians in the public health sector including Hospital Services and Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs).

In relation to the Deputy's question, at 31st December 2018, 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 671 (582 WTE) were Dietitians. This represents a 198 WTE increase over the December 2013 figure.

National staffing figures are collated on the basis of hospitals, hospital groups, community healthcare areas (CHOs), care groups, Section 38 agencies and so on, and not on the geographical location of personnel as services are delivered to the public across an area and, indeed, in certain cases nationally. Details, by Community Healthcare Area (together with other service areas) as requested by the Deputy are set out in the following table:

Dietitians (2013-2018)

by Hospital Group/ CHO to Dec 2018	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Change Dec 2013 to Dec 2018
Dietitians	383	409	455	493	515	582	+198
Children's Hospital Group	28	29	31	36	33	47	+19
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	72	81	81	86	85	90	+18
Ireland East Hospital Group	50	53	57	69	66	80	+30
RCSI Hospitals Group	34	40	53	51	52	61	+27
Saolta University Hospital Care	29	29	35	33	37	37	+8
South/South West Hospital Group	42	45	49	52	58	62	+20
University of Limerick Group	13	14	13	16	17	18	+4
Acute Services	269	291	319	343	347	395	+126
CHO 1	12	16	16	15	16	18	+6
CHO 2	10	12	15	18	19	20	+10
CHO 3	3	3	2	1	3	2	-1
CHO 4	12	12	13	19	24	29	+16
CHO 5	8	8	10	12	14	16	+8
CHO 6	10	10	14	14	18	20	+10
CHO 7	11	13	18	19	19	25	+13
CHO 8	14	15	13	16	17	19	+5
CHO 9	13	15	17	23	23	24	+11
Community Services	94	104	118	135	154	172	+78
Health & Wellbeing	21	15	17	15	14	15	-6

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 whole-time equivalents (WTE) in order to take account of part-time working.

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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