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Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire, TD Dáil Éireann, Kildare Street, Dublin.

PQ Ref 34093/19, 34107/19, 34121/19, 34135/19, 34149/19

PQ Ref 34093/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists designated in a full time capacity to the Carrigaline primary care centre; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."

PQ Ref 34107/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists designated in a full-time capacity to the Blackrock primary care centre; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."

PQ Ref 34121/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists designated in a full-time capacity to the Ballyphehane Togher area; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."

PQ Ref 34135/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists to be seen by an occupational therapist in the Bishopstown Wilton area by waiting times of 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively."

PQ Ref 34149/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists designated in a full-time capacity to the Douglas area; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."

Dear Deputy Ó Laoghaire,

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

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has a total of 5.6 Occupational Therapists (OT), either at staff or senior grade employed in the Primary Care Occupational Therapy service in the South Lee area.

The current assignment of this staffing resource is as follows:



Location	No. of OT's designated in a full time capacity	If there are locums	Plans to recruit further
Togher/Ballyphehane	1.1	No	Not at present
Douglas	1.0	No	Not at present
Blackrock PCC	1.0	No	Not at present
Bishopstown/Wilton	1.1	No	
Carrigaline PCC	1.4	No Have a Temp OT allocated as part of waiting list initiative	
Total	5.6		

It should be noted that staff are not assigned permanently to any particular clinic. It is the role of the Head of Discipline to assign the available staffing resource across the catchment area to meet the presenting needs in the most appropriate way.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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