

August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019

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

**PQ ref 34097/19, 34111/19, 34125/19, 34139/19, 34153/19**

**PQ 34097/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses 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 34111/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses 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 34125/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses 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 34139/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses designated in a full-time capacity to the Bishopstown Wilton area; if there are locums; and his plans to recruit further in this regard."**

**PQ 34153/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses 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 Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The table below outlines the number of Public Health Nurses employed in each of the requested areas in South Lee. Assistant Directors of Public Health Nursing have been added to the figures as they are trained public health nurses, albeit now operating in a management capacity. There are no locums operating in the listed areas. Management of the Public Health Nursing Service seeks to provide optimal care through its current staffing level and there are no full time vacancies to be filled at this time.

<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of PHN's designated in a full time capacity</b>	<b>If there are locums</b>	<b>Plans to recruit further</b>
Togher/Ballyphehane	7	No	No Vacancy
Douglas	6	No	No Vacancy
Blackrock PCC	8	No	No Vacancy
Bishopstown/Wilton	10	No	No Vacancy
Carrigaline PCC	9	No	No Vacancy
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>		

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

Yours sincerely,



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