



**Oifig an Stiúrthóra Náisiúnta, Acmhainní Daonna**

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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists by hospital; the number of occupational therapy vacancies by hospital and permanent vacancies and temporary vacancies, respectively; the number of occupational therapists employed by county in non-hospital settings; the number of occupational therapy vacancies by county in non-hospital settings by permanent vacancies and temporary vacancies, respectively; the number of occupational therapists on interview panels by county awaiting appointments as of 31 October 2019, in tabular form; and his views on the provision of occupational services nationwide.**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary questions above which was sent to the HSE for reply.

Health Service employment is reported on a monthly basis through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC) which is the official employment count for the public sector covering the HSE and Section 38 Voluntary Hospitals and 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.

As Health Care Services are not organised on a county basis but on the basis of Hospital Groups and Community Healthcare Organisations, this response is formatted on the basis of this configuration. Details as requested by this organisational structure are set out on the table on **page two** of this reply.

The staffing environment of the HSE, and organisations funded by it are subject to the requirement to operate within the funding envelope provided in line with government policy. The vacating of a position does not in itself create a vacancy as the work of the position may be covered through redeployment, restructuring or reallocation. In addition, where a post has been approved for filling the duties may be covered by agency or overtime in the meantime. It is not possible, therefore, to give a definitive figure for vacancies and information on vacant positions is not routinely collected in the manner sought by the Deputy

### Occupational Therapists by Service Delivery Area: Sep 2019

Hospital/ Hospital Groups, CHOs / Care Group, HWB & Corporate Function	WTE Sep 2019	No. Sep 2019
<b>Total Occupational Therapists</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,793</b>
CHI at Temple Street	10	11
CHI at Crumlin	9	10
CHI at Tallaght	1	1
<b>Children's Health Ireland</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>
St. James's	31	35
Tallaght University Hospital	22	24
Naas General	8	8
MRH Tullamore	4	5
MRH Portlaoise	1	1
<b>Dublin Midlands Hospital Group</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>73</b>
Mater Misericordiae University	19	19
St. Vincent's University	14	15
Cappagh National Orthopaedic	10	10
St. Columcille's	6	9
MRH Mullingar	4	5
St Luke's General Kilkenny	4	4
St. Michael's	4	4
Our Lady's Navan	4	5
Wexford General	2	2
<b>Ireland East Hospital Group</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>
Beaumont	29	30
Connolly	11	11
Our Lady of Lourdes	10	11
Louth County	7	8
Cavan General	3	3
Monaghan	2	2
<b>RCSI Hospitals Group</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>
Galway University	22	24
Sligo University	14	16
Letterkenny University	10	10
Mayo University	6	6
Portiuncula University	2	2
Roscommon University	1	1
Hospital Group HQ	1	1
<b>Saolta University Hospital Care</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>
Cork University	16	18
UH Waterford	12	13
Mercy University	6	7
South Infirmary Victoria University	5	7
UH Kerry	3	3
Bantry General	1	1
South Tipperary General	1	1
Mallow General	1	1
<b>South/South West Hospital Group</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>
UH Limerick	6	7
<b>University of Limerick Hospital Group</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Acute Services</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>351</b>
CHO 1	122	145
CHO 2	116	135
CHO 3	91	102
CHO 4	170	197
CHO 5	116	131
CHO 6	128	156
CHO 7	177	201
CHO 8	138	158
CHO 9	181	207
other Community Services	10	10
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,442</b>

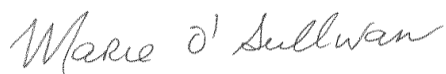
Workforce levels are updated monthly and are available at: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/>

I have contacted the HSE HBS Recruit service and they have advised the following. The Figures below outline the number of occupational therapists (Staff & Senior grades) on interview panels awaiting appointments as of 31 October 2019. Please note panels are created by care group not by geographic location. It should also be noted that a percentage of these candidates are currently working with the Health Service Executive in a temporary capacity and are seeking permanency or seeking a move of location

<b>Location</b>	<b>No of Active Candidates OT, Staff Grade</b>	<b>No of Active Candidates OT, Senior</b>
Carlow/Kilkenny	19	26
Cavan/Monaghan	19	32
Clare	16	8
Cork	150	86
Donegal	12	12
Dublin	256	205
Galway	94	53
Kerry	30	18
Kildare/West Wicklow	15	25
Laois/Offaly	13	12
Limerick	45	34
Longford/Westmeath	18	14
Louth	16	15
Mayo	18	13
Meath	13	17
Roscommon	4	6
Sligo/Leitrim	20	19
Tipperary North / Limerick East	7	5
Tipperary South	11	5
Waterford	14	13
Wexford	10	11
Wicklow	5	14
Did not chose location	13	0

If you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely




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