



Gerry Adams TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

11th of December 2019

Dear Deputy Adams,

PQ 49241/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of HSE staff working in addiction services nationwide; the staff vacancies and location of each – Deputy Gerry Adams

Information on staffing levels in primary care is gathered in the HSE census by group (e.g. Community Healthcare Organisation), discipline and geographic area. The census does not provide information to the level of each individual area of service including addiction services. Such information at present can only be collated by a manual data gathering exercise from each CHO Area. The most recent exercise to collate the staff numbers and vacancies in addiction was undertaken in March 2019 and is shown in the attached Appendix 1. This table shows that at March 2019 there was 555.0 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) staff working in HSE Addiction services and there were 56.5 WTE vacancies in HSE Addiction services at that time.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Siobhán Mc Ardle'.

Siobhán Mc Ardle
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