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PQ 43743/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent dietician posts delivering both hospital based and community diabetic services in the UL hospital group and CHO3; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Harty,

I refer to your recent parliamentary questions in relation to staffing numbers which was forwarded to the Health Services Executive (HSE) by the Department of Health for direct reply.

Health services employment is reported on a monthly basis through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC) which is the official employment count for the public health sector covering the HSE and Section 38 Voluntary Hospitals & Agencies. Numbers equating to service levels are expressed as whole time equivalents (WTE) taking account of part-time working.

At 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, there were 138,029 personnel (equating to 119,126 WTE) directly employed in the provision of Health and Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 organisations and of which 570 WTE were Dietitians.

In order to provide the Deputy with complete information, the response to this question has been expanded to encompass details for public health sector staff, not only in University of Limerick Hospital Group and Community Healthcare Organisation 3 (CHO 3) but also in other Hospital Groups and Community Healthcare Organisation, which are listed separately.

Details as requested at 30 September, 2019 are set out in the following table:

## Dietitians by Hospital Group & Community Healthcare Organisation

| Service Delivery Area                             | WTE Sep 2019 | No. Sep 2019 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Dietitians</b>                           | <b>570</b>   | <b>676</b>   |
| National Ambulance Service                        | 1            | 1            |
| Children's Health Ireland                         | 43           | 52           |
| Dublin Midlands Hospital Group                    | 93           | 107          |
| Ireland East Hospital Group                       | 77           | 84           |
| RCSI Hospitals Group                              | 57           | 66           |
| Saolta University Hospital Care                   | 36           | 41           |
| South/South West Hospital Group                   | 65           | 84           |
| University of Limerick Hospital Group             | 16           | 19           |
| <b>Acute Services</b>                             | <b>387</b>   | <b>454</b>   |
| CHO 1   | 17           | 19           |
| CHO 2   | 20           | 22           |
| CHO 3   | 3            | 3            |
| CHO 4   | 31           | 40           |
| CHO 5   | 14           | 16           |
| CHO 6   | 16           | 21           |
| CHO 7   | 25           | 30           |
| CHO 8   | 21           | 22           |
| CHO 9   | 22           | 30           |
| <b>Community Services</b>                         | <b>169</b>   | <b>203</b>   |
| <b>H&amp;WB Corporate &amp; National Services</b> | <b>15</b>    | <b>19</b>    |

Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Note<sup>1</sup>: 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<sup>2</sup>: Figures relating to service levels are expressed as while-time equivalents (WTE) in order to take account of part-time working. No. (headcount) relates to the number of individuals.

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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