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To ask the Minister for Health the details of the eight different public health regions across the country; the number of staff in each region; the grades of these staff; the details of vacancies; the grade of each vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Barrett,

There are eight Departments of Public Health covering the Republic of Ireland, each providing Public Health expertise and services locally and nationally. Departments of Public Health professionals: provide health protection services; advocate and contribute to health improvement; participate in health service development. They are at the frontline of our health protection response to Covid-19, providing outbreak response, responding to clinical queries, conducting surveillance, and managing other priority health protection incidents. Each Department is led by a Director of Public Health who is also a regional [Medical Officer of Health](#).

Staffing in each region as at 04.12.2020

DPH	Geographical alignment	Permanent WTE	Temporary WTE	Total WTE
DPH East	Dublin, Kildare Wicklow	26.4	71.5	97.9
DPH Mid West	Limerick, Clare, North Tipperary	15.2	29.3	44.5
DPH Midlands	Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath	21.1	13.3	34.4
DPH North East	Cavan, Monaghan, Louth, Meath	11.7	44.9	56.6
DPH North West	Sligo, Leitrim, Donegal	18.3	10.9	29.2
DPH South	Cork, Kerry	24.6	36.6	61.2
DPH South East	Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford, Waterford, South Tipperary	18.3	17.6	35.9
DPH West	Galway, Roscommon, Mayo	21.4	32.3	53.7
Total	Total	157	256.4	413.4

The grades at which staff are employed and details/grades of posts for recruitment aligned to the public health pandemic plan are outlined in the table below.

Role	Regional Recruitment Permanent WTE
Specialist Public Health Medicine	4.0
Senior Medical Officer	4.5
Assistant Director of Nursing	6.0
Clinical Nurse Manager 2	18.0
Staff Nurse	32.0
Surveillance	6.0
Administrator (Grade VII)	7.0
Administrator (Grade VI)	22.5
Administrator (Grade V)	31.0
Administrator (Grade IV)	9.0
Total	173.0

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely



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