



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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PQ 15439/20 * *To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff hired by the HSE to assist in combating Covid-19 by job field and hospital group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

As the information you have requested is not collected through existing information systems, the detail has been gathered manually. This is time consuming and it has not been possible to complete the exercise within the ten day timeframe to respond to the PQ. A response from the RCSI Hospital Group, Dublin Midlands Hospital Group and Children's Health Ireland is awaited and will be provided to you when available.

The information provided to date is as follows:-

Ireland East Hospital Group

Grade Category	WTE
General Support	91.8
Health/Social Care Professionals	78.3
Management/ Admin	18.4
Medical/ Dental	136
Nursing	173
Patient Care/Support	55.5
IEHG Total	553

University of Limerick Hospital Group

Area	Number of staff hired
General Support	99
HSCP	17
Nursing	77
Mgt Admin	1
TOTAL	194

Saolta Hospital Group

Saolta University Health Care Group	
Med/dental *	224
Nursing	29
HSCP	37
Admin	11
General Support	53
Patient and Client Care *	276
Total Covid Hires	630

Note on above from Saolta:

Medical/Dental: Includes 166 interns: 133 were extra for 6 weeks and are now part of the normal compliment. 33 are additional interns assigned

Patient and Client Care: Includes 114 year 1-3 student nurses / HCA and 162 4th year student nurses /HCA

South-South West Hospital Group (SSWHG)

Grade Category	Grade Category Description	Total WTE
01	Medical/ Dental	195.83
02	Nursing	190.85
03	Health & Social Care Professionals	23.38
04	Management/ Admin	7.00
05	General Support Staff	22.85
06	Other Patient & Client Care	158.22
S/SWHG Total		598.13

Note on above from SSWHG:

The above data includes figures for Non-Consultant Hospital Doctor (NCHDs) and Pre-Registration nurses from years 1 to 4 hired as Covid-19 Health Care Assistants (HCAs).

Please note that the South/ South West Hospital Group does not currently have an IT system capable of capturing this data and the above information has been gathered manually following an initial data gathering exercise carried out by the South/ South West Hospital Group.

You will note that the focus of the Group has been on the delivery of services during the initial COVID-19 response and has followed with a focus on the restoration of services. A validation process is on-going to ensure that all COVID -19 supports have been captured in consideration of pathways of care which had to be put in place for the initial response phase of the Covid-19 emergency.

We will revert with the outstanding information as soon as it is received.

I trust that this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,



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