



**Oifig an Stiúrthóra Náisiúnta, Acmhainní Daonna**

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**Alan Kelly , T.D.**

PQ 19856/20: To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare workers that were placed on sick leave due to stress or mental illness in each of the years 2015 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the proportion the number represents of the total number of healthcare workers in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy,

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

Information in relation to absenteeism is only collected in respect of the overall level of absenteeism and the reasons for the absence on sick leave are not recorded.

Staff who are absent from work due to sickness or ill health for periods in excess of 2 days are required to submit medical certificates to their line manager for the duration of their absence. These certificates, which are confidential, are required to be dated, signed by the medical practitioner and they must state the expected duration of the absence and, where appropriate, the expected date of return. Doctors are not required to state the nature of the illness on the medical certificates. It is not possible, therefore, to provide the Deputy with the information sought.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie O'Sullivan".

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**Marie O Sullivan**  
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