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28<sup>th</sup> August 2020,  
Deputy Pat Buckley,  
Dail Eireann  
Dublin 2.

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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health whole-time equivalents required to be recruited for the full implementation of A Vision for Change in view of demographic changes; and the teams and specialties in which the additional staff are required by CHO area in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Buckley,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

At the end of June 10,269 WTE's are employed through Mental Health Services and this accounts for 83% of the Vision for Change recommendation.

**However it is very important to note that this doesn't include additional staff employed by through agencies and overtime which contribute to the overall delivery of MH Services**

The table shows staffing levels versus the Vision for Change recommendation, however it must but noted that some regions may include services which are provided at a regional level and therefore these have an impact on percentage variance.

	Pop	VFC Rec	June WTE	VFC
CHO 1	394,333	1,023	978	96%
CHO 2	453,109	1,176	1,341	114%
CHO 3	384,998	999	817	82%
CHO 4	690,575	1,792	1,585	88%
CHO 5	510,333	1,324	1,183	89%
CHO 6	424,772	1,102	596	54%
CHO 7	666,111	1,728	866	50%
CHO 8	616,229	1,599	1,122	70%
CHO 9	621,405	1,612	1,308	81%
National	4,761,865	12,354	9,796	79%
Other Services			473	
Total			10,269	83%



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I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Ryan".

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