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PQ11120/20 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been employed in the health service through the Be On Call for Ireland initiative; and the locations to which they have been posted by hospital or community health organisation in tabular form.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

Many thanks for your representation in relation to the "Be on Call for Ireland" campaign.

From mid February 2020 the HSE began to make preparations to increase significantly the capacity within the health services in anticipation of this potential unprecedented demand for Health services.

From a staffing perspective this included a number of strategies inclusive of exploiting all existing recruitment pools, maximising agency staff, rehiring of recently retired clinicians, increasing hours of part time staff, encouraging staff to return from career breaks and the postponement of annual leave.

Initially 'Be on Call for Ireland' initiative targeted qualified health care workers who were not currently providing health services. Extensive on-line and telephone interviews took place to determine relevant candidates' availability to work and to determine that candidates were suitably qualified or experienced. The number of candidates of candidates who indicated they were available to work and had the relevant experience needed by the services at that time was approximately 2000.

As of 23th June 2020, 185 health and social care appointees have been deployed from the "Be on Call for Ireland" initiative to HSE services in both community, acute and public health departments. An additional 660 candidates have full recruitment clearances in place and are "job ready" as per service need. 950 candidates are in the clearance process.

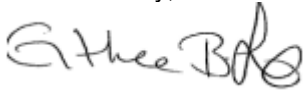
The breakdown of deployment for each CHO, Hospital Group and HSE service is as follows:

Candidates Appointed by "Be on Call for Ireland" initiative as of 23-06-20	
Detail CHO/ HGs/ Service	Appointments
CHO1	4
CHO2	6
CHO3	5
CHO4	3
CHO5	8
CHO6	0
CHO7	5
CHO8	6
CHO9	5

Saolta	17
IEHG	15
DMHG	16
SSWHG	8
ULHG	43
RCSI	5
Citywest Isolation Unit	4
Contact Tracing Centre/ Chief Clinical Office	6
Departments of Public Health	9
Health Surveillance Protection Centre	10
SCOPI Study- COVID 19 Infection in People Living in Ireland	10
Total @230620	185

I hope this has provided you with the information you have requested and if you require any further information or clarification please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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