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Deputy Sean Sherlock
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 7948/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in the community healthcare system by county; and the number of those nurses diverted away from public health nursing duties during the public health crisis

-Sean Sherlock

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Please see below Table 1 which breaks down the number of public health nurses in each Community Healthcare Organisation further broken down by Local Health Organisation, and the number diverted away during the current public health crisis. Note that because of the way the data is collated differently in each area, some data is returned by basis of WTE, and other data is collated by headcount.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Walsh".

David Walsh,
National Director,
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Table 1: Public Health Nurses Redeployed by Community Health Organisation

LHO	Number of PHNs	Number Redeployed
Cavan Monaghan	55	4
Donegal	83	12
Sligo Leitrim	36.5	2
CHO1	174.5	18
Galway	85	12
Mayo	64	1
Roscommon	31	1
CHO2	180	14
Clare	35	6
Limerick	47	20
North Tipperary	31	12
CHO3	113	38
Kerry	*	*
North Cork	*	*
North Lee	*	*
South Lee	*	*
West Cork	*	*
CHO4	238.15	34.13 Avg/Week
Carlow Kilkenny	45.56	4
South Tipperary	33.1	4.6
Waterford	63	9
Wexford	45	1.7
CHO5	186.66	9.3
Dublin South East	46	5
Dublin South	35	8
Wicklow	43	3
CHO6	124	16
Dublin South City	36	7
Dublin South West	53	4
Dublin West	55	15
Kildare West Wicklow	58	12
CHO7	202	38
Laois	34	7
Offaly	36	4
Westmeath	34	4
Longford	25	3
Louth	49	9
Meath	56.7	18.7
CHO8	234.7	45.7
Dublin North	71.9	10.1
Dublin North Central	58.46	4
Dublin North West	54.7	5.7
CHO9	185.06	19.8

* Please note that Cork Kerry Community Healthcare collated their figures as an overall figure and an average per week rather than a breakdown by county