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Deputy David Cullanane Dail Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

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32398/20 Due: Nov 17th	To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE workers that have been seconded or volunteered to work with the HSA or in contact testing or tracing by occupation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullanane

The HSE's Contact Management Programme will forever be indebted to colleagues who demonstrated their flexibility and commitment to the HSE's values by volunteering for contact tracing duties during the pandemic. Their dedication and commitment helped flatten the curve and undoubtedly saved countless lives. As of November 2nd, there were 60 HSE staff redeployed to perform contact tracing. This equates to 45.4 'whole-time equivalents'.

No. of	WTE	
People	Equivalent	Occupation
19	10.8	Human Resources Management
20	17.0	Clerical/Admin
1	1.0	Drug Counsellor
4	3.3	Laboratory Technician
4	2.9	Nursing
3	2.4	Occupational Therapist
1	1.0	Paramedic
1	1.0	Senior Laboratory Technician
2	1.1	Senior Social Worker
5	4.9	Speech & Language Therapist

The HSE recognises the impact that redeployments have had on services. As part of establishing a more sustainable Contact Tracing model, the HSE is in the

process of recruiting and training up to 800 tracers. This will facilitate the return of these colleagues to their substantive roles and increase the stability of front-line services.

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely

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