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**Deputy David Cullinane
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PQ 28173/20 To ask the Minister for Health the average WTE number of dental staff redeployed as part of the Covid-19 efforts, by HSE CHO region, on a weekly basis from 1 March to 1 September 2020, comprising dentists, dental nurses and dental hygienists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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. Following engagement with the Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) areas, the following is the current position;

CHO 1

Cavan/Monaghan have redeployed between 2 WTE's
Donegal have redeployed 3.79 WTE's
Sligo/Leitrim have redeployed between 1.2 & 2 WTE's

CHO 2

Please see below table in response to the PQ for CHO2 Dental.

CHO2	Mayo	Roscommon	Galway	Total
Dentists			0.1 WTE	0.1
Dental Nurses			1.4 WTE	1.4
Dental Hygienists	1.4 WTE	0.7 WTE	1.0 WTE	3.1

CHO 3

Please see hereunder response on behalf of CHO 3.

Week ending	Average WTE number of dental staff
01 March Sunday	00
08	00
15	00
22	00
29	1.8
05 APRIL	2
12	3.4
19	13.4
26	9.6
03 MAY	3.6
09	6.6
16	13.2
23	11
30	4.6
07 JUNE	4.4
14	4.4
21	7.6
28	12.4
05 JULY	6.4
12	8.2
19	7.4
26	4.8
02 AUGUST	5.6
09	4.2
16	4
23	4.6
30	3.6

CHO 4

		Average Mid March - Mid July 2020	Average Mid July – 6 th September 2020
		WTE	WTE
Cork Dental			
Dentists:		18	4
Dental Nurses:		26.9	7.2
Dental Hygienists:		3.4	3.4
Admin staff:		0	0.8
Kerry Dental			
	WTE	11.45	5.6
16/3/20 - 22/3/20:	15.7		
23/3/20 - 29/3/20:	16.7		
30/3/20 - 5/4/20:	15.5		
6/4/20 - 12/4/20:	15.5		
13/4/20 - 19/4/20:	13.9		
20/4/20 - 26/4/20:	13.9		
27/4/20 - 3/5/20:	13.9		
4/5/20 - 10/5/20:	13.5		
11/5/20 - 17/5/20:	9.9		
18/5/20 - 24/5/20:	13.5		
25/5/20 - 31/5/20:	12.5		
1/6/20 - 7/6/20:	7.7		
8/6/20 - 14/6/20:	8		
15/6/20 - 21/6/20:	6.9		
22/6/20 - 28/6/20:	6.9		
29/6/20 - 5/7/20:	6.9		
6/7/20 - 12/7/20:	7.6		
13/7/20 - 19/7/20:	7.6		
20/7/20 - 26/7/20:	7.6		
27/7/20 - 2/8/20:	7.6		
3/8/20 - 9/8/20:	7		
10/8/20 - 16/8/20:	3.8		
17/8/20 - 23/8/20:	4.7		
24/8/20 - 30/8/20:	4.7		
31/8/20 - 6/9/20:	3.7		
Orthodontics			
Consultant Orthodontics:		2	
Orthodontists:		4.2	
Snr. Dental Surgeons		2.3	
Dental Nurses:		8.2	
Dental Hygienists:		1.4	2.61
Admin Staff:		1	1

CHO 5

Area	WTE no. of dental staff redeployed as part of the Covid-19 efforts from 1 March to 1 September 2020
Carlow/Kilkenny	2.2 1 WTE has been returned on 12/10/2020. More staff members should be returned at the end of next week.
South Tipperary	1.2 Once the new recruits from the national campaign are up and running this will be restored to dental services.
Waterford	0
Wexford	5.7 2 WTEs are to be returned next week and each week following.

CHO 6

	March	April	May	June	July	August
Dentist WTE	2	5	6.4	6.4	4.5	3
Hygienist WTE	1	1	1	1	1	1
Dental Nurse WTE	2	5	8.4	8.4	4.5	3
Totals	5	11	15.8	15.8	10	7

CHO 7

Further to your request for information, the table below outlines the position for CHO7;

	Estimated WTE per grade redeployed, per week						
	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16
Dentists (all grades)	5.7	5.7	5.7	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2
Dental nurses (all grades)	6.6	6.6	6.6	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4
Hygienists	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
	Week 17	Week 18	Week 19	Week 20	Week 21	Week 22	Week 23
Dentists (all grades)	11.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	11.2
Dental nurses (all grades)	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4
Hygienists	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26	Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30
Dentists (all grades)	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2
Dental nurses (all grades)	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	11.4
Hygienists	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
	Week 31	Week 32	Week 33	Week 34	Week 35	Week 36	
Dentists (all grades)	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	
Dental nurses (all grades)	11.4	10.4	11.4	11.4	10.4	10.4	
Hygienists	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	

CHO 8

Average WTE dental staff redeployed per week from March to 1st Sept

Louth/Meath Area						
	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug
Dentists	7	7	7.4	7.4	2.6	2
Dental Nurses	14.66	13.06	12.06	12.06	7.46	7.46
Dental Hygienists	4	4	4	5	5	5

Midlands Area						
	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug
Dental Surgeons	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.3	2.5
Dental Nurses	14.4	14.4	15.4	14.9	15.9	14.9
Dental Hygienists	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	4.7

COVID testing is currently a priority service for the HSE and in our CHO. It is the goodwill of staff to be redeployed that allows us to provide a test all those who require testing within our CHO currently ranging from 1,000 to 1,200 per day. Staff can be deployed back to their substantive posts when new Swabbers are appointed to our CHO and we can then plan the standing back up of those services.

CHO 9

Please find the requested information below from CHO – Dublin North City and County in relation to the above National Oral Parliamentary Question. Whilst the figures indicate how many staff were redeployed for Covid-19, some of these workers may have been in their clinical roles for some of the days/weeks and may only have been on Covid-19 duties intermittently.

Week Ending	Staff Redeployed
23 rd March	16
30 th March	18
6 th April	19
13 th April	23
20 th April	31
27 th April	39
4 th May	40
11 th May	43
18 th May	41
25 th May	42
1 st June	35
8 th June	42
15 th June	42
22 nd June	39
29 th June	38
6 th July	31
13 th July	33
20 th July	28
27 th July	26
3 rd August	18
10 th August	23
17 th August	20
23 rd August	34
30 th August	34

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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