



20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Deputy Holly Cairns,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 29500/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE medical or therapeutic staff, including dentists, nurses, physiotherapists, SLTs and OTs, that have been deployed to Covid-19 contact tracing or testing duties on a weekly basis between 1 May 2020 and 1 October 2020, inclusive; and the breakdown of the professional roles of each in tabular form**

- Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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 outlined the table below the number of HSE medical and therapeutic staff redeployed to testing centres during the period of April, July and September:

Period	Medical & Dental	Nursing & Midwifery	Health & Social Care Professionals
April	172	125	516
July	0	57	261
September	32	228	430

The key document in terms of returning staff to their substantive posts is titled "Service Continuity in a Covid Environment. A Strategic Framework for Delivery".

This framework document was prepared in June 2020 and provides the framework for staff to return to their substantive posts from Covid related work.

A link to the document is provided below:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/service-continuity-in-a-covid-environment-a-strategic-framework-for-delivery1.pdf>

It is not possible to provide the redeployment information on a weekly basis as the redeployment census took place in the periods identified above.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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