



4th November 2020

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

PQ 30501/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the amount of clinical personnel in each CHO working full- time in contact tracing; and the speciality of each in tabular form.

- 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.

In September 2020 a review of the 9 Community Health Organisations (CHOs) was conducted to ascertain the level of redeployments into Covid services.

Covid Testing:

In September 2020 a total of 865 staff from CHOs were redeployed to Covid Testing with the breakdown as follows:

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| 81% of redeployments (699) are for 3 staff categories (Medical and Dental; Nursing and Midwifery and Health and Social Care Professionals) |
| A total of 32 Medical and Dental Professionals are deployed to testing (4% of deployments to testing) |
| A total of 233 Nursing Staff are deployed to testing (27% of deployments to testing) |
| A total of 434 Health and Social Care Professionals are deployed to testing (50% of deployments to testing) |

Contact Tracing (this includes staff deployed to CTC and Public Health depts.)

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| In September 2020 a total of 106 staff from CHOs were redeployed to Contact Tracing (including Public Health) |
| 78% of these redeployments (83 staff) are for 3 staff categories (Medical and Dental; Nursing and Midwifery and Health and Social Care Professionals) |
| A total of 18 Medical and Dental Professionals are deployed to contact tracing (17% of deployments to contact tracing) |
| A total of 24 Nursing Staff are deployed to contact tracing (23% of deployments to contact tracing) |
| A total of 41 Health and Social Care Professional Staff are deployed to contact tracing (39% of total CHO redeployments to contact tracing) |

Summary

Across Testing and Tracing therefore a total of 971 staff members have been redeployed from CHOs to Testing and Contact Tracing including Public Health departments who undertake complex contact tracing. Of this number 475 staff members are Health and Social Care Professionals which represents 49% of CHO staff redeployment. Nursing Staff represents 257 (26%) and Medical and Dental staff represents 50 (5%) of those staff redeployed.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maurice Farnan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Maurice Farnan
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