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**Re: To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists hired from each university by the HSE in each of the years 2016 to 2019 and to date in 2020; the number of graduates in each year per institution in tabular form; and his views on whether the number of occupational therapists in the HSE is appropriate**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

Many thanks for your representation in relation to the hiring of graduate Staff Grade Occupational Therapists in the HSE.

Recruitment activity currently within the HSE is managed through recruitment units in both Hospital Groups and CHOs and is supported by a shared service recruitment unit HBS Recruit. Annually HBS Recruit undertakes approximately 40% of recruitment activity and I can provide you with some data in relation to the OTs recruited centrally only.

Unfortunately I cannot provide you with the data per institution in tabular form but I can provide you with a report on Staff Grade OT posts filled by HBS Recruit by individual year 2016 to 2019.

Staff OT - Post Filled in 2016	Perm	Temp	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>	118	17	<b>135</b>
Staff OT - Post Filled in 2017	Perm	Temp	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>	94	26	<b>120</b>
Staff OT - Post Filled in 2018	Perm	Temp	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>	75	44	<b>119</b>
Staff OT - Post Filled in 2019	Perm	Temp	Total
<b>TOTAL</b>	60	13	<b>73</b>

If there is anything further you require in relation to this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to revert.

Yours Sincerely,



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