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Deputy Patricia Ryan
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in County Kildare; the areas covered by the nurses; the number of nurses per district; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Patricia Ryan

Dear Deputy Ryan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question as detailed above. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In Kildare West Wicklow there are currently 58 whole time equivalent positions for Public Health Nurses (PHN) and there are 43.3 PHNs employed with 6 of these staff redeployed to Covid care.

There are 33 positions for Registered General Nurses (RGN) and there are 23.3 RGNs employed with 3 redeployed to Covid care.

The recruitment of trainee PHNs has been impacted by Covid and whereby the expectation was for 10 trainees we could only recruit 5 students for the PHN service at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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