



7th October 2020

Deputy Mary Lou McDonald,
 Dáil Eireann,
 Leinster House,
 Kildare Street,
 Dublin 2.

PQ 25817/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff from each of the CHOs redeployed from their contracted role to provide Covid-19 swabbing functions in test centres each month from May to September 2020, in tabular form

-Mary Lou McDonald

Dear Deputy McDonald,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Statistics regarding staff redeployment have been captured at three points in time; April, July and September. Due to the dynamic nature of redeployments to address changing requirements and the limitations associated with HR data collection processes, information related to the number of people carrying out specific functions (i.e. swabbing) at test centres is unavailable.

Please see outlined the table below the number of staff redeployed to testing centres from each CHO at each of these points in time. Also included is the percentage change in number of staff between these periods.

	Community Staff Redeployed to Test Centres by CHO								
Period	CHO 1	CHO 2	CHO 3	CHO 4	CHO 5	CHO 6	CHO 7	CHO 8	CHO 9
April	157	136	151	152	114	106	95	297	83
July	35	88	47	55	31	54	84	68	37
September	108	105	24	110	66	37	86	235	95

	Community Staff Redeployed to Test Centres by CHO - Percentage Change								
Period	CHO 1	CHO 2	CHO 3	CHO 4	CHO 5	CHO 6	CHO 7	CHO 8	CHO 9
April to July	-77%	-35%	-69%	-64%	-73%	-49%	-12%	-77%	-55%
July to September	204%	20%	-48%	100%	112%	-32%	2%	246%	156%

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

Yours sincerely,

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