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Deputy Claire Kerrane,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 26148/20 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of audiologists in each CHO area; the number of vacancies in each CHO; if audiologists are being redeployed to Covid-19 testing; if so, the number; and if he will make a statement on the matter

-Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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 the below the breakdown in each Community Health organisation by;

1. No of Audiology posts
2. No of Audiologist vacancies
3. No of Audiology redeployed to Testing

CHO1

1. No of Audiology posts: 6
2. No of Audiologist vacancies: 0
3. No of Audiology redeployed to Testing: 0.4

CHO 2

1. No of Audiology posts - 6
2. No of Audiologist vacancies - 6 (All approved and being processed)
3. No of Audiology posts redeployed to Testing - 2

CHO 3

1. No of Audiology posts – 6 (one on maternity leave)
2. No of Audiologist vacancies – 0
3. No of Audiology posts redeployed to Testing - 0

CHO 4

1. Number of audiology posts - 9
2. No of Audiologist vacancies - 0
3. No of Audiology post redeployed to Testing: 1 - recruitment of replacement is in progress

CHO 5

1. No of Audiology posts: 9
2. No of Audiologist vacancies 1 (awaiting NRS to run bespoke SECH senior audiologist campaign in coming weeks as no expressions from existing panels – have sent in Form C to see if can be interim agency filled but no response yet)
3. No of Audiology posts redeployed to Testing - 0

CHO 6

1. One single vacant Senior Audiologist post. It has been signed off and is ready to proceed to competition once the final paperwork is completed (job order forms etc).
2. No filled Audiology posts
3. No Audiology posts deployed to testing.

CHO 7

1. No of Audiology posts – Nil
2. No of Audiologist vacancies – Nil
3. No of Audiology posts redeployed to testing – Nil

CHO 8

1. No of Audiology posts – 7
2. No of Audiologist vacancies – 3
3. No of Audiology posts redeployed to testing – Nil

CHO 9

1. No of Audiology posts =10 WTE
2. No of Audiologist vacancies = 2.6 WTE, 1 Staff Grade and 1.6 Senior Grade Paediatric Audiologists
3. No of Audiology posts redeployed to Testing = 7 in total but back from redeployment since May

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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