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Deputy Colm Burke

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PQ 10761/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff working in the HSE in Cork city and county per year from 2011 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Burke,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question in relation to staffing numbers which was forwarded to the Health Services Executive (HSE) by the Department of Health for direct reply.

The HSE conducts a monthly census of public health services employment for covering the HSE and Section 38 Voluntary Hospitals & Agencies. The Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC) is the official employment count for the public health sector and is routinely published at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/>. Numbers equating to service levels are expressed as whole-time equivalents (WTE) taking account of part-time working whereas headcount (HC) refers to individuals.

It is important to point out that while, these figures are set within a background of increasing staff numbers when compared to recent years, not all the information is directly comparable as the HSE has subsumed various agencies and services over the extended timeframe, together with substantial service developments, coupled with the demands brought by an ageing population, increased levels of care and, not least, the expansion of the workforce required in the immediate response to COVID-19. I also wish to point out that some services are no longer part of the health vote, this includes Children & Family Services transferred to Tusla (under the aegis of the Department of Children & Youth Affairs) on 1 January 2014.

As the configuration of the health service has shifted, in line with these developments, from a regional model to a configuration based on Hospital Groups and Community Healthcare Organisations with differing geographical configurations, delivering their services on the basis of their respective catchment areas, this response is formatted on the basis of this configuration. As a result, it is not always possible to show the employer information based on area or county, as requested.

Details as requested by the Deputy based on the organisational structures encompassing county Cork, including the South South-West Hospital Group and Community Health Care Organisation 4 are set out in the attached table.

Finally, the Deputy will be interested to note that, at 31st January 2021, there were 126,689 WTE (equating to 145,842 personnel) directly employed in the provision of Health and Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 hospitals and agencies, of which 21,806 WTE are covered by his request.

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Des Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Des Williams

General Manager

## Southern Services (Ambulance, Acute, Community & Central Services)

by Service /Division to Jan 2021	Jan 2011	Jan 2012	Jan 2013	Jan 2014	Jan 2015	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Jan 2018	Jan 2019	Jan 2020	Jan 2021	10 years % change	5 Years % Change	1 year % Change
<b>Southern Region</b>	<b>18,441</b>	<b>18,088</b>	<b>17,245</b>	<b>16,790</b>	<b>17,340</b>	<b>17,870</b>	<b>18,325</b>	<b>18,996</b>	<b>19,672</b>	<b>19,874</b>	<b>21,086</b>	<b>+14.3%</b>	<b>+18.0%</b>	<b>+6.1%</b>
National Ambulance Service (South)	393	417	424	462	446	426	446	477	477	488	484	+23.0%	+9.6%	+2.2%
South South-West Hospital Group	9,078	8,982	8,721	8,670	8,996	9,379	9,632	9,984	10,480	10,591	11,362	+25.2%	+17.7%	+1.1%
Community Services (CHO 4)	8,310	8,080	7,514	7,099	7,355	7,491	7,670	7,958	8,139	8,228	8,652	+4.1%	+11.9%	+1.1%
H&WB/ Central Services	659	609	587	558	544	574	576	577	575	567	589	-10.7%	+4.1%	-1.5%

Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Note 1: Health Sector staffing figures relate to direct employment levels as returned through the Health Service Personnel Census (HSPC) for the public health sector (HSE & Section agencies)

Note 2: Figures relating to service levels are expressed as whole-time equivalents (WTE) in order to take account of part-time working.