



**Pleanáil agus Faisnéis Straitéiseach d'Fhórsa  
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**Via email:** mark.ward@oireachtas.ie.

**PQ Ref: 5864/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychotherapists employed directly in the HSE; the educational criteria required for psychotherapists to work for the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Mr Ward

According to latest Health Service Personnel Census data available as at December 2020, there are a total of 244 wte/273 headcount employed as Counsellor/Therapists across a range of services – Addiction, Children, Family and the National Counselling Service.

The Professional qualifications and experience required for these Counselling roles are set out in the attached criteria which is also available on the HSE website:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/eligibility-criteria/counsellors.html>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paddy Duggan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Paddy Duggan**  
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