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PQ 9057/21: To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has conducted a workforce census of the entire public and private health and social care system; the breakdown or estimates of workers across categories of service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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/>. Private healthcare providers fall under the aegis of the Department of Health and the HSE is unable to respond to this element of your query.

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 organisations. These latest available figures represent a 6,872 (+5.7%) WTE increase over the course of December 2019 outturn. Details are as follows:

HSE/ S38's	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Dec 2020	WTE Jan 2021	WTE change since Dec 2019	% change since Dec 2019	No. Jan 2021	No. change since Dec 2019
Total Health Service	119,817	126,174	126,689	+6,872	+5.7%	145,842	+8,072
Health Service Executive	76,905	81,192	81,636	+4,730	+6.2%	93,673	+5,458
Section 38 Hospitals	26,687	28,234	28,298	+1,611	+6.0%	32,139	+2,242
Section 38 Voluntary Agencies	16,225	16,748	16,756	+531	+3.3%	20,030	+372

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.

Information in this response is as per the type of administration assigned in HSPC returns with numbers equating to service levels expressed as whole time equivalents (WTE) taking account of part-time working and headcount equating to the number of individuals.

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

Yours sincerely,



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