



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

4th February 2021

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2.

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine
Aonad 4A – Áras Dargan
An Ceantar Theas
An Bothar Mileata
Cill Mhaighneann
BÁC 8

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PQ 44915/20* To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved pharmacist posts at each hospital including CHI; the number of posts filled by tenure, that is, permanent, temporary, agency and so on; the ratio of approved posts-to-patient and filled posts-to-patient; the length of time vacant posts or posts filled by non-permanent appointments have been unfilled in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

In relation to the first part of your Question on numbers and tenure, please see the data below which has been provided to me by CHI separately and Health Business Services (HBS) and covers the remaining 6 Hospital Groups.

With regard to ratio of approved posts-to-patient, this would involve benchmarking patient activity data with the census data and this information is not currently available.

With regard to the final part, we do not collect data on vacancies, the staffing environment within the HSE is dynamic and is subject to changing numbers in line with government policy. The vacating of a position does not in itself create a vacancy as the work of the position may be covered through redeployment, restructuring or reallocation. In addition, where a post has been approved for filling the duties may be covered by agency or overtime in the meantime. It is not possible, therefore, to give a definitive figure for vacancies and information on vacant positions is not routinely collected in the manner sought by the Deputy.

I trust that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Trina Doran
General Manager
Acute Operations

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CHI at Temple Street

Grade	Contracted WTE	Reported WTE Value	Count of Pers.no.
Chief Pharmacist			1
Senior Pharmacists			4
Basic Grade Pharmacist			1

All are full time permanent

CHI at Crumlin

Grade	Contracted WTE	Reported WTE Value	Count of Pers.no.
Pharmacist	4.00	3.97	4
Pharmacist, Chief I	1.00	1.00	1
Pharmacist, Chief II	3.80	3.80	4
Pharmacist, Senior	16.79	15.60	18
Grand Total	25.59	24.37	27

CHI at Tallaght

Pharmacist Permanent			0.5
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Number of Pharmacists (Temporary & Permanent) working in Acute Settings as per Census November 2020
6 Hospital Groups represented – awaiting figures from CHI

				Census WTE NOV 2020	Census WTE NOV 2020	Census WTE NOV 2020
Grade Code	HSE/38	Division	Hospital Group/CHO	Permanent	Temporary	Overall Result
Phar macy	Health Service Executive	Acute Services	Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	48.45	10.22	58.67
Phar macy	Health Service Executive	Acute Services	Ireland East Hospital Group	44.48	11.36	55.84
Phar macy	Health Service Executive	Acute Services	Other Acute Services	3.96		3.96
Phar macy	Health Service Executive	Acute Services	RCSI Hospitals Group	74.59	14.28	88.87
Phar macy	Health Service Executive	Acute Services	Saolta University Hospital Care Group	124.28	33.15	157.43
Phar macy	Health Service Executive	Acute Services	South/South West Hospital Group	77.69	35.83	113.52
Phar macy	Health Service Executive	Acute Services	University of Limerick Hospital Group	33.54	10.80	44.34
Phar macy	Health Service Executive	Acute Services	Result	406.99	115.64	522.63

Business Compliance, HBS have extracted the details regarding all agency pharmacists grades for acute hospitals reported via the Framework Agency Reports up to Week 48, 2020:

The total hours up to week 48 was 18,554 hours and total cost incl Vat €908,367