



30th June 2021

Deputy Aengus Ó Snodaigh,
 Dáil Eireann,
 Leinster House,
 Kildare Street,
 Dublin 2.

PQ 23825/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the offshore islands that are currently served by a resident public health nurse; and the way this essential service is provided to islanders that do not have a resident public health nurse.

- Aengus Ó Snodaigh

Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,

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 below Table 1 which lists the islands served by a resident public health nurse (PHN), or how the service is provided in the absence of one.

Table 1:

Aranmore Island	Serviced by a Non-residential PHN who travels to the island via ferry daily.
Tory Island	Serviced by two Community Registered Nurses who are non-residential, and each completes a two weeks on, two weeks off island cycle to provide care, except in the case of children requiring development assessment, which is provided by a PHN who travels from the mainland as required.
All Galway Islands	There is a Resident PHN on each island. Inishmean and Inishboffin are covered 24/7.
Clare Island	Serviced by two residential PHNs who cross cover to ensure 24/7 full cover
Inishturk Island	Covered by PHNs and Agency Cover from the mainland to ensure cover 24/7
Inishbiggle	The Ballycroy PHN provides cover
Cork – Cape Clear	24/7 PHN Cover is provided
Cork – Bere	PHN Cover is provided Monday to Friday 9am – 5:20pm, and planned essential cover for weekends
Cork - Dursey	Cover is provided on a needs basis from Monday - Friday, and planned essential cover for weekends
Cork – Whiddy	Cover is provided on a needs basis from Monday - Friday, and planned essential cover for weekends
Cork - Sherkin	Cover is provided on a needs basis from Monday - Friday, and planned essential cover for weekends

Cork - Heir	Cover is provided on a needs basis from Monday - Friday, and planned essential cover for weekends
Cork - Long	Cover is provided on a needs basis from Monday - Friday, and planned essential cover for weekends
Kerry - Valentia	A PHN visits daily from Monday to Friday to provide service, and planned essential cover for weekends.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



Yvonne O'Neill,
Interim National Director,
Community Operations