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Deputy David Culhane,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 24545/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of Practice Nurse whole-time equivalents in the Public Primary care System; the number of Practice Nurse whole-time equivalents needed to reach the Health Service capacity review 2018 forecast for 2031; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 24546/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of Public Health Nurse whole-time equivalents and vacancies by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 24547/21 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of Physiotherapists whole-time equivalents and vacancies by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-David Culhane

Dear Deputy Culhane,

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.

PQ 24545/21: The Health Service Executive (HSE) does not employ Practice Nurses at the present time therefore we are not in the position to supply this information. Practise nurses are usually the direct employee of the G.P.

PQ 24546/21: The information on the number of Public Health Nurses by CHO is available at www.hse.ie. Please follow the attached hyperlink to access the information you require:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting>. The approved and anticipated vacancies for the coming year for Public Health Nurses are notified to National HR each year for inclusion in the HSE National Public Health Nurse Sponsorship Scheme. The Public Health Nurse Sponsorship Scheme 2021/2022

has been notified of 184 replacement posts to be filled from the Sponsorship Scheme. In addition there are 132 New Development Public Health Nurse posts approved under phase 1 of the National Service Plan 2021.

PQ 24547/21: The information on the number of Physiotherapists by CHO is available at www.hse.ie. Please follow the attached hyperlink to access the information you require:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting>.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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