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**PQ Number: 52814/21**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with lived experience of mental health challenges who are employed to support recovery and recovery education in each CHO in the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the funding made available to employ these workers in each CHO in the same period - Martin Browne**

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Dear Deputy Browne

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE are committed to the development of Recovery oriented services as outlined in our national policy 'Sharing the Vision'. The inclusion of people with lived experience is central to this process and their inclusion is well documented as it provides both a therapeutic benefit to other service users and a service improvement to the organization as a whole.

Much progress has been made in this regard over the past decade or so in particular, with implementation of our previous policy 'A Vision for Change' and the development of initiatives including Advancing Recovery in Ireland, Partnership for Change, A Framework for Recovery in Mental health which have all being aligned under the office of Mental Health Engagement and Recovery. The development and inclusion of Expert by Experience roles such as Peer support workers and Peer Educators within the HSE is an important part of a recovery orientated service and over the past 10 years the HSE has been steadily building capacity in this area.

The tables below outlines the specific details requested in the Deputy's question however it is important to note that the introduction of such initiatives and roles is part of significant cultural and organisational change and requires considerable capacity building and service readiness work. For this reason all areas are at different stages of development. It is important to note also that while the question asks for details on people with lived experience, resources have been allocated to strategic leads, administration and support staff in areas that do not come from a lived experience perspective.

Area	Roles	Year	Year	Year
CHO 1	Area Lead	2019 staff	2020 staff	2021 staff
	Area Lead	1	1	1
	Peer support Workers	3	3	2
	Recovery Education Facilitators		2	2
	Strategic lead wilt LI			
	<b>Cost per year</b>	<b>€176950.4</b>	<b>€252252.4</b>	<b>€219775</b>

CHO 1 has been part of the cross border CAWT initiative which has supported a number of Recovery Education posts across the region.

Area	Roles	Year	Year	Year
CHO 2		2019 staff	2020 staff	2021 staff
	Area Lead	1	1	1
	Peer support Workers	9	9	9
	Family Peer workers	2	8	8
	Peer Educators	3	3	3
	Recovery Education Facilitators		5	5
	Project worker		1	1
	Peer connectors			4
	Strategic lead wilt LI		1	1
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>€551080.8</b>	<b>€1144083.6</b>	<b>€1288055.6</b>

CHO 2 have received funding for an addition 2 peer support roles that will be recruited shortly.

Area	Roles	Year	Year	Year
CHO 3		2019 staff	2020 staff	2021 staff
	Area Lead	1	1	1
	Peer Educators	2	2	2
	Recovery Education Facilitators		5	5
	Project worker		1	1
	Strategic lead wilt LI		1	1
	<b>Cost per year</b>	<b>€149848</b>	<b>€433626</b>	<b>€498156</b>

Funding has been awarded to CHO 3 to engage 6 Peer support workers and a family peer worker which are now under recruitment

Area	Roles	Year	Year	Year
CHO 4		2019 staff	2020 staff	2021 staff
	Area Lead	1	1	1
	Peer support Workers	5	4	4
	<b>Cost per year</b>	<b>€253896</b>	<b>€218942.2</b>	<b>€225237.2</b>

Funding has been awarded to CHO 4 to engage a further 11 staff with lived experience to be recruited in the coming months

Area	Roles	Year	year	Year
CHO 5		2019 staff	2020 staff	2021 staff
	Area Lead	1	1	1
	Peer support Workers	3	2	2
	Family Peer support worker			1
	Peer Educator	2	3	3
	Recovery Education Facilitators		8	11
	<b>Cost per year</b>	<b>€265520</b>	<b>€565531.6</b>	<b>€724857.6</b>

Area	Roles	Year	Year	Year
CHO 6		2019 staff	2020 staff	2021 staff
	Area Lead	1	1	1
	Peer educator		1	1
	Recovery Education Facilitators			5
	Strategic lead wilt LI		1	1
	<b>Cost per year</b>	<b>€62776</b>	<b>€170538</b>	<b>€350014.8</b>

CHO 6 has been granted funding for a further 5 Peer support worker staff which will be recruited in the coming months.

Area	Roles	Year	Year	Year
CHO 7		2019 staff	2020 staff	2021 staff
	Area Lead	1	1	1
	Peer educator		1	1
	Recovery Education Facilitators			4
	<b>Cost per year</b>	<b>€62776</b>	<b>€107762</b>	<b>€255330</b>

CHO 7 has been granted funding for a further 5 Peer support worker staff which will be recruited in the coming months

Area	Roles	Year	year	Year
CHO 8		2019 staff	2020 staff	2021 staff
	Area Lead	1	1	1
	Peer Educator		2	3
	Recovery Education Facilitators		4	6
	Strategic lead wilt LI		1	1
	<b>Cost per year</b>	<b>€62776</b>	<b>€358042</b>	<b>€495892</b>

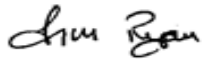
CHO 8 has been granted funding for a further 5 Peer support worker staff which will be recruited in the coming months

Area	Roles	Year	year	Year
CHO 9	Area Lead	2019 staff	2020 staff	2021 staff
	Area Lead			1
	Peer support Workers	2	2	2
	<b>Cost per year</b>	<b>€76448</b>	<b>€77361.6</b>	<b>€140137.6</b>

CHO 9 has been granted funding for a further 3 Peer support worker staff which will be recruited in the coming months.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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