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PQ No.: 5443821/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of palliative care teams and staff by CHO area.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Minister has requested the HSE to respond directly to you. Apologies for the delay in my response which is as follows:-

Please see the table below for the information as requested.

CHO	Number of Specialist Palliative Care Community Teams	Total Number of Whole Time Equivalents i.e. posts
1	1	35.2
2	7	42.8
3	5	37.0
4	6	35.7
5	4	33.0
6	2	19.0
7	3	30.5
8	4	60.8
9	3	33.2

Every region within the country has access to a Specialist Palliative Care Community Team. Teams within CHOs are organised in a variety of ways including geography, population clusters, proximity to acute or community services and/or the location of local palliative care outreach bases. Some Teams cover a whole county whereas in other areas they cover part of a county. Although the number of teams in each CHO varies this has no bearing on access to care.

The number of posts rather than staff has been provided as some posts are shared by staff members working part-time/reduced hours.

I trust this answers your question but please do not hesitate to contact me should you require anything further.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheilagh Reaper-Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

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