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Deputy Mark Ward,
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 56113/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of authorised officers in each CHO area; the number of vacancies for an authorised officer in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 table below provides the breakdown of Authorised Officers per Community Healthcare Organisation.

2021	
Area	Delegated Authorised Officers
CHO 1	14
CHO 2	23
CHO 3	14
CHO 4	11
CHO 5	16
CHO 6	8
CHO 7	11
CHO 8	14
CHO 9	12
Central Mental Hospital	3
Total	126

Currently, there is a capacity review of Authorised Officer's across the CHO's. Based on the findings of this review, a decision will be made as to where and how many Authorised Officers are required



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Ryan".

Jim Ryan
Assistant National Director - Head of Operations
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