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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent mental health nurses attached to each prison here in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Jim O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

National Forensic Mental Health Services - Nursing Services

Please find a tabulated record of CMHN posts for the Irish Prison Service.

CMHN	2019 WTE	2020 WTE	2021 WTE	2022 WTE
Mountjoy	2	2	2	2
Dochas	1	1	1	1
Cloverhill	3	3	3	3*
Wheatfield	1	1	1	2*
Midlands	2	2	2	2
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0*
Cork	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Castlerea	1	1	1	1
Limerick	0	0	0	0*
Arbor Hill	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total	10.8	10.8	10.8	11.8

Please find a tabulated record of CMHN posts for the IYJS (Oberstown Centre).

CMHN	2019 WTE	2020 WTE	2021 WTE	2022 WTE
IYJS	1	1	1	1

Please find a tabulated record of CMHN posts for the Court Service for Ireland. This post is at ANP level.

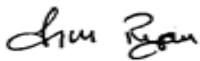
ANP *	2019 WTE	2020 WTE	2021 WTE	2022 WTE
Cloverhill Court	0	0	0	1

Notes:

1. CMHN – Community Mental Health Nurse.
2. ANP – Advanced Nurse Practitioner.
3. The ANP post is due to commence fully in Jan 2022.
4. The service is presently conducting a needs assessment for CMHN in Limerick and Portlaoise prisons which is due to conclude by Dec 2022.
 - a. CHO 3 presently provide a service in Limerick prison separate to the NFMHS.
5. The service will increase to 2wte in Wheatfield in 2022.
6. The service is reviewing the need to increase the number of CMHN in Cloverhill.
7. A recruitment campaign is in process presently.

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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