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Deputy Duncan Smith,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

26th October 2021

PQ Number: 49782/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists working in CAMHS as of 1st October 2021, by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 Mental Health Division does not hold data on the numbers of psychologists working specifically in CAMHS as referred to in the Parliamentary Question above. It is not possible, therefore, to give a definitive figure for the number of psychologists working in CAMHS by CHO as this data is not routinely collected in the manner sought by the Deputy.

The below table outlines the number of psychologists currently employed in Mental Health Services by CHO. The latest available data is at August 2021.

CHO	WTE Psychologists August 2021
1	22
2	40
3	89
4	89
5	22
6	32
7	31
8	38
9	53

With specific regard to the different types of posts, and their WTE, a report is produced by the HSE Strategic Workforce Planning and Intelligence Unit which is publically available on the HSE website.

Further information regarding employment data, absence data and staff turnover can be found at www.hse.ie.



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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".

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