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PQ ref 50373/21 – Ballina, Swinford & Belmullet District Hospital Staffing levels

Dear Deputy Calleary,

I refer to PQ ref 50373/21 uploaded on the PAD System on 13th October 2021 and due for response on 1st November, 2021 regarding representations that you have received in respect of staffing levels in Ballina, Swinford and Belmullet District Hospital's in comparison to that of other CHOs. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please see below staff data for each District Hospital in tabulated format:

Ballina District	Grade	30/09/2020		30/09/2021	
MCC		WTE	Count	WTE	Count
13	0558 Grade IV	1.96	2	1.92	2
13	0609 Clerical Officer	2.5	3	2.55	3
13	1503 Medical Officer	4	4	4	4
13	2119 Clinical Nurse Manager 2	1	1	2	2
13	2135 Staff Nurse - General	7.29	8	3.52	5
13	2173 Staff Nurse, Senior (General)	2.47	4	2.16	3
13	2283 Enhanced Nurse (General)	5.87	7	5.5	6
13	2289 Enhanced Nurse Senior, (General)	9.95	11	14.88	17
13	2907 Director of Nursing 4	1	1	1	1
13	3107 Radiographer, Senior	0.6	1	0.6	1
13	3158 Physiotherapist, Senior	2.88	3	2.23	3
13	3239 Pharmacist, Senior	0.5	1	0.5	1
13	451Y Chef I	0.83	1	0.83	1
13	4529 Chef II	0.79	1	0.79	1
13	6015 Multi-Task Attendant	19.25	24	17.65	22
13	6075 Health Care Assistant	9.42	10	9.38	10
13	Total	70.31	82	69.51	82

Belmullet District	Grade	30/09/2020		30/09/2021	
MCC		WTE	Count	WTE	Count
14	0558 Grade IV	1	1	1	1
14	0609 Clerical Officer	1.65	2	1.6	2
14	1503 Medical Officer	1	1	1	1
14	2119 Clinical Nurse Manager 2	1.89	2	2.48	3
14	2127 Clinical Nurse Manager I	1	1	1	1
14	2135 Staff Nurse - General	2	2	1.73	2
14	2173 Staff Nurse, Senior (General)	1.58	2	1.58	2
14	2283 Enhanced Nurse (General)	10.37	13	10.06	12
14	2289 Enhanced Nurse Senior, (General)	10.44	13	9.99	13
14	2907 Director of Nursing 4	1	1	1	1
14	4111 Catering/Cleaner/Assistant	2	2	2	2
14	451Y Chef I	1	1	1	1
14	4529 Chef II	0.62	1	0.31	1
14	6015 Multi-Task Attendant	19.43	22	15.16	18
14	6075 Health Care Assistant	13.29	15	12.22	14
14	6404 Chaplain	1	1	1	1
14	Total	69.27	80	63.13	75

Swinford District	Grade	30/09/2020		30/09/2021	
MCC		WTE	Count	WTE	Count
15	0558 Grade IV	0.62	1	0.63	1
15	0566 Grade V	1	1		
15	0609 Clerical Officer	0.61	1	0.61	1
15	1503 Medical Officer	2	2	2	2
15	2119 Clinical Nurse Manager 2	0.96	1	0.62	1
15	2127 Clinical Nurse Manager I	0.96	1	0.92	1
15	2135 Staff Nurse - General	4.81	6	3.75	5
15	2283 Enhanced Nurse (General)	0	0	0.88	1
15	2173 Staff Nurse, Senior (General)	0.92	2	0.89	1
15	2289 Enhanced Nurse Senior, (General)	5.72	8	7.02	10
15	2908 Director of Nursing 5	1	1	1	1
15	3158 Physiotherapist, Senior	1	1	0.98	1
15	451Y Chef I	1	1	1	1
15	4529 Chef II	0.89	1	1	1
15	6015 Multi-Task Attendant	8.46	9	8.18	9
15	6075 Health Care Assistant	13.3	14	9.74	10
15	6404 Chaplain	1	1	1	1
15	Total	44.25	51	40.22	47

Please note that Community Healthcare West does not have access to staffing data for Community Nursing Units or District Hospitals outside CHO2.

Staffing levels are determined per bed and skill mix required for step down beds. Due to Covid 19 Pandemic Infection Prevention Control requirements bed numbers reduced in Belmullet and Ballina District Hospital over the period from March 2020. In addition, beds were closed in Swinford District Hospital due to shortage of nurses.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Siobhan', followed by a horizontal line.

Siobhan O'Sullivan
General Manager
Older People's Services