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PQ ref 20425/22 – Balbriggan Primary Care Centre – To ask the Minister for Health the total staffing levels across all skills, specialities and grades

PQ ref 20426/22 - Balbriggan Primary Care Centre - total staffing levels across all levels

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:

Balbriggan Primary Care Staffing Levels			
Area	Approved Staffing Level	Actual Staffing Level	Vacancies
Admin & Support	7.68 WTE	7.68 WTE	0
Dietetics	2.5 WTE (for Balbriggan Network Area)	1.0 WTE (Balbriggan Primary Care Team)	1.5 WTE for Balbriggan Network Area)
Nursing	9.5 WTE	9.5 WTE	0
Occupational Therapy	6.6 WTE	5.6 WTE	1
Physiotherapy	It does not include staff members not based in Balbriggan PCC who provide services to the Balbriggan Network. 6.1 WTE = 7 people	4.1 WTE = 5 people	2 WTE
Psychology	4.5 WTE	3.5 WTE	1
Social Work	2 WTE	1 WTE	1
Speech & Language Therapy	6.5 WTE	3 WTE	3.5 WTE
Adult Mental Health	23.5 WTE	22.5	1
CAMHS	12.4 WTE	12.4	0
Balbriggan Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT)	24.6 WTE	8.3	16.3

The HSE also provides dental services for eligible children and special needs adults in Balbriggan PCC. The clinic is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. On any given day there are at least two dental teams working (four staff) and up to four dental teams (eight staff). There are seven vacancies comprising four General Dental Surgeons and three dental nurses for the area, which also includes Coolock, Darndale, Swords and Kilbarrack.

Therefore it is not possible to breakdown the number of vacancies in Balbriggan.

Staffing levels are allocated per Network so the figure relate to the number of posts approved and based in Balbriggan PCC and vacancies for this Network.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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