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Deputy David Cullinane
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PQ 17651/22: To ask the Minister for Health the purpose and composition of the staff category other medical and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question in relation to staffing which was forwarded to the Health Services Executive (HSE) by the Department of Health for direct reply.

The Deputy will be interested to note that, employment levels at the end of February 2022, show there were 133,488 WTE (equating to 152,570 personnel) directly employed in the provision of Health & Social Care and of which 494 WTE or 0.37% (751 personnel) were classified as *Medical, Other*.

Staff are categorised into six main Staff Categories (Medical & Dental, Nursing & Midwifery, Health & Social Care Professionals, Management & Administrative, General Support and Patient & Client Care) and further subdivided into 26 Staff Groups, 96 Grade Groups and almost c700 active Grades. For reporting purposes, each Grade is associated with a grade code that is linked to a Staff Category, Staff Group and Grade Group.

The medical dental staff category covers personnel (together with medical and dental managerial grades) where a recognised medical or dental qualification is a prerequisite for the performance of the duties involved or is a requirement for appointment. Registration with the Medical Council or Dental Council is a statutory requirement. There are 4 staff groups in this

category i.e. Consultants, Registrars, SHO & Interns (Senior House Officer and Medical Interns) covering the majority of personnel with the final grouping covering the small number of staff which do not readily fit into the other grouping these are Dentists and Other Medical (which is the group referred to by the Deputy). Other Medical grades include Area Medical Officers, Medical Officers, Medical Directors, Clinical Director (Psychiatric Services), Director of Community Care, Director of Public Health, General Practitioners, Occupational Health Physicians, Ophthalmic Physicians and Public Health, Specialists.

Finally, the national grade code list with details of how our staff are classified is published [here](#).

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Des Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Des Williams

General Manager