



BY EMAIL ONLY

Deputy David Cullinane
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Leinster House
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5th April 2022

PQ 18068/22- Deputy David Cullinane- To ask the Minister for Health the staff grade level breakdown of the additional 255 staff allocated to public health; the number of posts filled and remaining to be filled in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your representation. As at the 1st of April 2022, recruitment of the additional permanent resources is 84% complete. Overall, an additional 250.6 WTE* permanent resources have been allocated to Public Health. Of the 250.6 WTE, 209.6 posts have been accepted to date with 197.6 of those posts commenced.

The below table shows a breakdown of recruitment across all staff categories:

Headline Recruitment Breakdown for Public Health						
Staff Category	Posts in Pre-employment	Posts Commencing	Posts Commenced	Total Posts Accepted	Total Required	% Complete
Medical	2	0	12	14	18	78%
Nursing	0	1	56.6	57.6	59.6	97%
Surveillance	0	0	33	33	59	56%
Management & Administration	4	2	98	104	115	90%
Other HSCP	0	0	1	1	1	100%
Total	6	3	200.6	209.6	250.6	84%



Campaigns have progressed for remaining grades with a view to delivering remaining resources by Q3 2022. An additional, 123.47 WTE temporary resources are currently in place pending permanent appointment of remaining posts.

***Please note:** The overall WTE is slightly reduced due to the requirement to realign resources in line with new structured career pathways for health protection nurses and surveillance and epidemiology staff. These career pathways were established to support recruitment and retention of this critical expertise and enable appropriate professional management structures.

I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Hayden', written in a cursive style.

Sharon Hayden
General Manager
Office of the CCO