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PQ 18200/22 To ask the Minister for Health the positions allocated and filled on a national basis in respect of *speech and language therapy, social work, physiotherapy and occupational therapy* by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Harkin,

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.

Firstly, I wish to point out that health services are delivered on a Hospital Group basis for acute hospital services and at Community Healthcare Organisation level for Primary Care, Mental Health, Disability and older person's services. This response to your question is based on this configuration, as our services are not managed on a county basis.

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 19,077 WTE (21,865 personnel) were Health & Social Care Professionals (HSCP).

Details for the specific HSPC staff groups requested (speech and language therapy, social work, physiotherapy and occupational therapy) for each Hospital Group and CHO as reported through the Health Services Personnel Census are as set out in the following table:

Staffing by HG & CHO: Feb 2022	Occupational Therapists	Physiotherapists	Speech & Language Therapists	Social Workers
Total	1,864	2,117	1,193	1,316
National Ambulance Service				
Children's Health Ireland	27	56	19	63
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	76	194	48	92
Ireland East Hospital Group	140	271	69	106
RCSI Hospitals Group	80	188	42	72
Saolta University Hospital Care	71	163	24	36
South/South West Hospital Group	71	202	48	38
University of Limerick Hospital Group	21	62	13	13
other Acute Services				
Acute Services	486	1,137	263	420
CHO 1	142	99	74	99
CHO 2	128	108	110	90
CHO 3	91	78	70	64
CHO 4	213	119	146	135
CHO 5	132	100	107	65
CHO 6	93	68	56	55
CHO 7	191	129	120	114
CHO 8	144	114	104	94
CHO 9	231	164	142	142
other Community Services	12			31
Community Services	1,377	979	930	889
H&WB Corporate & National Services	2	1		7


Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Note¹: Health Sector staffing figures relate to direct employment levels as returned through the Health Service Personnel Census (HSPC) for the public health sector (HSE & Section agencies)

Finally, the monthly census of direct public health services employment across all services covering the HSE and Section 38 Voluntary Hospitals & Agencies which is the official employment count for the public health sector and is routinely published [here](#).

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

Yours sincerely,



Des Williams

General Manager