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Re: PQ 60327/22 - "To ask the Minister for Health the number of filled positions and vacancies in each Primary Care Team in CHO3 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Wynne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Firstly, I wish to advise that I am providing my response by Community Healthcare Network (CHN) as opposed to Primary Care Team (PCT) as the HSE Mid West (CHO3) is now divided into CHN areas and each CHN area is made up of a number of Primary Care Teams. In my response to PQ 60325/22, I gave a breakdown of the CHNs, the areas they cover and also the populations of each of the CHN areas.

I am attaching a table separately which gives you a breakdown of the staff within each of the CHNs. This also includes the administration staff within the CHN including the Network Manager. All of the CHNs will also have a General Practitioner (GP) Lead – currently CHN6 is the only network area with a GP Lead in place. All of the other networks are awaiting the recruitment of a GP Lead (one day per week 0.2 WTE) and there are ongoing recruitment campaigns to progress this resource. Each CHN will also have the support of a 1 x WTE Health Promotion & Improvement Officer.

I can advise that each Primary Care Team is made up of staff who provide the core Primary Care Services as follows:

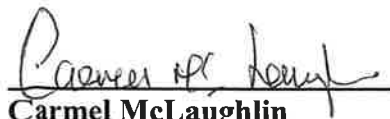
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech & Language Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Social Work
- Podiatry
- Dietetics
- Public Health Nursing.

Other Primary Care Services operate across the CHO area on a regional basis and the staff associated with these services report directly to a Service Manager. Regional Services include the following: Audiology, Ophthalmology, Dental, Psychology, Civil Registration and Community Medical Services (Area Medical Officers).

I can advise that the Community Healthcare Network areas are managed by a Network Manager and all of the CHNs listed have a Network Manager in place except Networks 1 and 2. Administrative support is also in place in each of the CHNs and the majority of these staff provide administrative support to the Primary Care Teams within each Network. Each Network Manager has dedicated administrative support (1 x Staff Officer and 1 x Clerical Officer) who provide administrative support directly to the CHN Manager.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,



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Number of WTEs (Wholetime Equivalents) across the Community Healthcare Networks (CHO3)

Community Healthcare Network (CHN)	Network Manager	Admin Support	GP Lead	Occupational Therapy	Speech & Language Therapy	Physiotherapy	Social Work	Podiatry	Dietetics	Public Health Nursing (PHNs & CRGNs)
CHN1										
WTE Compliment	1	6.1	0.2	8.8	12.2	9	2	2	2	32.7
In post	0	5.1	0	7.7	11.4	7.3	1	2	Shared with CHN3	32.7
Vacancies	1	1	0	1.1	0.8	1	1	0	0	0
Cover				0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHN2										
WTE Compliment	1	6.5	0.2	10.08	5.9	7.8	3	1	2	24.7
In post	0	6.5	0	7.97	5.9	3.8	3	0.5	1	21.4
Vacancies	1	0	0.2	2.11	0	4	0	0.5	1	3
Cover				1	0	CDM physios covering	0	0.4	0	0
CHN3										
WTE Compliment	1	5	0.2	4.6	3.6	2	1	1	1	15
In post	1	4	0	4.6	2.6	0	1	1	1	15
Vacancies	0	1	0.2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Cover				0	0	1	0	CHN1 covering	0	0
CHN4										
WTE Compliment	1	6.3	0.2	5	5	6	2	1	1.5	17.8
In post	1	6.3	0	4	5	6	2	1	0.5	14.3
Vacancies	0	0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	.5 mat leave	3.5
Cover				1	0	0	0	0	0	2
CHN5										
WTE Compliment	1	5.2	0.2	5.5	4.6	4.7	1	1	0.5	18.1
In post	0	4.2	0	4.5	3.6	4.1	0	0	0	13.1
Vacancies	0	1	0.2	1	1	0.6	1	1	.5 mat leave	5
Cover				0	1	0.5	0	Other CHN covering	0	1.2
CHN6										
WTE Compliment	1	8.2	0.2	7.6	7.2	7.5	2	2	2	23.4
In post	1	6.1	0.2	6.6	6.2	5.5	1	1	1	15.9
Vacancies	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	7.5
Cover		2		1	1	1	0	0	0	2.2
CHN7										
WTE Compliment	1	6	0.2	4	5	6.4	3	2.5	2	13.1
In post	1	3	0	3	4	4.4	2	2	1	7
Vacancies	0	3	0.2	1	1	2	1	0.5	1 mat leave	5.5
Cover		2		1	0.4	0.8	0	0.5	0	0
CHN8										
WTE Compliment	1	5.8	0.2	5	5.9	4.5	1.5	0.5	1	15.4
In post	1	5.8	0	3.6	5.1	3	0.5	0	0.5	12.4
Vacancies	0	0	0.2	1	0.8	1.5	1	0.5	.5 mat leave	3
Cover				0	0	0.4	0	0	0	1