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Re: PQ 10065/22 – Respiratory physiotherapists, Regional Hospital Mullingar

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent respiratory physiotherapists working in the Mullingar Regional Hospital in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased.”

Dear Deputy Clarke,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information on the number of respiratory physiotherapists working in the Mullingar Regional Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the requested breakdown of Regional Hospital Mullingar Physiotherapy staffing allocated to patient care which includes respiratory care is as follows:

Year 2020/2021/2022	WTE Actual
2020	0.0 WTE Senior Exclusive Respiratory care 1.76 Senior – 5.0 Staff Grade
2021	1.0 Senior Exclusive Respiratory care 1.26 Senior – 4.0 Staff Grade
2022	1.0 WTE Senior Exclusive Respiratory care 1.26 Senior - 5.0 Staff Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Please note with expectation of the 1.0 WTE exclusive respiratory care senior all other Physiotherapists cover a mixed caseload which includes respiratory care. <p>Demands from surge pressures, absences or vacancies with inpatient/ respiratory posts that occurred during this time period required temporary redeployment of staff from other RHM areas as required.</p>	

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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