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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent nursing staff working with persons with disability in CHO2 in counties Mayo, Galway and Roscommon in each year since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Conway Walsh

I refer to PQ 63360/21 uploaded on the PAD System on the 12th January 2022 and due for response on the 1st February 2022 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of whole-time equivalent nursing staff working with persons with disability in CHO2 in counties Mayo, Galway and Roscommon in each year since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that at year end 2014, Mayo Community Living (MCL) had 95 residents and at the 31st December 2021, we have 56 residents. The nursing model in Mayo Community Living has gradually transformed to a social model of care in line with national policy on de-congregation and service need. From 2015 onwards as our service reduced, our nursing staff requirement diminished by scale also. Nursing staff resignations and retirements were regraded to social care posts, i.e. social care workers, social care leaders and Area Managers. Listed below is the WTE nursing staff working in MCL Disability Services:-

Grade Code	Census WTE DEC 2016	Census WTE DEC 2017	Census WTE DEC 2018	Census WTE DEC 2019	Census WTE DEC 2020	Census WTE DEC 2021
Nursing WTE	80.48	64.85	55.73	56.67	56.18	56.61

Children’s Disability Services (PDS)

Please be advised that children’s disability services were reconfigured during late 2021/early 2022 and moved to the new Progressing Disability Services (PDS) for children and young people model. It is being rolled out nationally by the HSE in partnership with its funded voluntary organisations. Over 200 staff have been reconfigured into 9 Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) across CHW. Currently, there are 6.7 WTE nursing staff employed directly by CHW in the CDNTs.

There are nursing staff working in disability services across CHW employed by our Section 38 and Section 39 Agency partners.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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