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Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 36364/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses carrying out developmental checks broken down by month and by CHO for 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- David Cullinane

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 36364/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Public Health Nurses are healthcare professionals who provide a range of nursing services in the community including child development assessments in line with the National Healthy Childhood Programme. The Public Health Nursing service is one of a number of multidisciplinary health services provided through Primary Care within the community setting.

In relation to child development assessments the core developmental checks are provided at the following intervals:

- At birth (within 72 hours of discharge from hospital)
- 3 months
- 9-11 months
- 21-24 months
- 46-48 months

The attached appendix displays the number of public health nurses broken down by month and by CHO for 2021 and to date in 2022. Please note that public health nurses are not solely dedicated to paediatric work such as developmental checks; therefore we are unable to advise as to an exact number of Public Health Nurses carrying out developmental checks.

Appendix 1 – Public Health Nurses by CHO 2021-2022

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Seán McArt'.

Seán McArt
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