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Deputy David Cullinane,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

PQ 39399/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent public health nurse positions which are funded; the number of funded WTE posts vacant that is not filled by direct employment, agency, overtime, secondment or any other means; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 39399/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see the below table, which illustrates the number (WTE) of Public Health Nurses as of the latest Health Service Personnel Census data (June 2022).

**Total Public Health Nurse June  
2022**

Staff Category /Group/ Grade	WTE Jun 2022
Public Health Nurse	1,472

HG & CHO	WTE Jun 2022
<b>Total Public Health Nurses</b>	<b>1,472</b>
<b>Acute Services</b>	<b>0</b>
CHO 1	149
CHO 2	181
CHO 3	123
CHO 4	215
CHO 5	165
CHO 6	95
CHO 7	166
CHO 8	202
CHO 9	174
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>1,470</b>



Health & Wellbeing	2
Corporate	0
<b>HWB Corporate &amp; National</b>	<b>2</b>

Please note that the HSE does not maintain a vacancy rate and the HSE's recruitment process is informed by its staff group turnover data. Turnover data is calculated based on the numbers of leavers across our services, with resignations, retirements, ending of contracts, and other reasons, including moves to other health sectors employers captured as a leaver from our service. The decision to resign or retire, is often determined by personal decisions. However, in our planning process, we utilise the staff group turnover rate, which is in the order of 6-7% overall, to plan for the replacement of these staff across our services, incorporated into our overall planning for recruitment of not only replacement posts, but equally our new service development posts.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seán McArt'.

**Seán McArt**  
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