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Re. PQ 39679/22: To ask the Minister for Health if he will specify the staffing resources including staff posts, staff time, and so on, and hospital and community resources which will be assigned to each of the cancer services priority areas for action outlined on pages 73 and 74 of the HSE Service Plan 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Burke,

The current profile of resource allocation to Cancer Services for the priority areas outlined in the HSE Service Plan 2022 is outlined below.

#	Service Development / Action Area	Staff	Location
1	Surgical Oncology	31.50	Cancer Centres
2	Early Diagnosis & RAC	30.50	Cancer Centres
3	Radiotherapy	31.25	Cancer Centres
4	Systemic Therapy	31.00	Cancer Centres, SACT hospitals
5	Cancer Genetics & Molecular Diagnostics	6.00	Cancer Centres
6	Survivorship & Psycho-oncology	25.00	Cancer Centres, Community
7	Cancer Prevention	3.00	Community, Prevention Initiatives
8	Cancer Services Transformation	41.00	Cancer Networks, Hospitals
9	Change Enablers	12.00	Cancer Support, Coordination
		211.25	

The staffing positions range across specialist doctors, nurses, pharmacists, health science and diagnostics professionals, therapy professions and administrative roles. Staffing placed in cancer centres may progress more than one action area. Staffing allocated under Cancer Services Transformation contributes to many of the other action areas.

Supports to community cancer support groups, cancer awareness and prevention campaigns, support helplines and patient access supports complement the above staffing allocations.

Yours sincerely



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