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**PQ 30173/22:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of net additional speech and language therapist whole-time positions funded by the HSE in each of the years 2017 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question in relation to staffing which was forwarded to the Health Services Executive (HSE) by the Department of Health for direct reply.

Employment levels at the end of May 2022, show there were 134,711 WTE (equating to 153,578 personnel), directly employed in the provision of Health and Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 hospitals and agencies and of which 1,218 WTE (1,407 personnel) were Speech & Language Therapists.

Details, as requested, by Care Group and by Hospital Group & Community Healthcare Organisation are as set out in the following tables:

**Table 1: Speech & Language Therapists by Care Group: May 2022**

Care Group	WTE Dec 2016	WTE Dec 2017	WTE Dec 2018	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Dec 2020	WTE Dec 2021	WTE May 2022	No. May 2022	Change 2017	Change 2018	Change 2019	Change 2020	Change 2021	Change YTD 2022
<b>Speech &amp; Language Therapists</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>+73</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>+47</b>	<b>+36</b>	<b>+32</b>
<b>Acute Services</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>+38</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>+8</b>
Mental Health	59	61	61	62	70	61	66	76	+2	+0	+0	+8	-9	+5
Primary Care	502	546	548	526	516	523	570	663	+44	+3	-22	-10	+7	+48
Disabilities	271	283	279	293	307	313	281	328	+12	-4	+14	+15	+5	-31
Older People	20	24	23	23	20	32	35	39	+3	-1	+0	-3	+12	+3
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>+61</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>+24</b>
<b>H&amp;WB Corporate &amp; National Services</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>+0</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+0</b>

**Table 2: Speech & Language Therapists by Service Delivery area: May 2022**

Service Delivery Area	WTE Dec 2016	WTE Dec 2017	WTE Dec 2018	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Dec 2020	WTE Dec 2021	WTE May 2022	No. May 2022	Change 2017	Change 2018	Change 2019	Change 2020	Change 2021	Change YTD 2022
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Children's Health Ireland	12	13	15	15	17	18	17	23	+0	+3	+0	+1	+1	-1
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	37	38	39	39	45	47	47	52	+1	+1	-1	+6	+2	-0
Ireland East Hospital Group	47	51	48	48	62	69	67	78	+4	-3	+0	+13	+7	-1
RCSI Hospitals Group	37	35	42	42	44	42	48	51	-1	+6	-0	+2	-3	+7
Saoita University Hospital Care	16	15	17	16	18	23	25	29	-0	+2	-1	+2	+5	+2
South/South West Hospital Group	24	32	32	33	41	47	52	58	+8	+0	+1	+8	+6	+5
University of Limerick Hospital Group	4	5	6	5	10	12	9	10	+0	+1	-1	+5	+2	-3
other Acute Services			1						+0	+1	-1	+0	+0	+0
<b>Acute Services</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>+38</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>+8</b>
CHO 1	64	72	70	69	73	73	72	82	+8	-2	-1	+4	+0	-1
CHO 2	90	94	103	105	105	107	112	128	+4	+10	+1	+1	+2	+5
CHO 3	52	58	55	58	64	68	79	91	+6	-3	+3	+6	+4	+11
CHO 4	130	139	134	134	136	146	150	183	+9	-5	+0	+2	+9	+4
CHO 5	102	101	102	102	95	106	108	122	-0	+1	-0	-7	+11	+2
CHO 6	71	66	75	70	65	59	57	69	-5	+9	-5	-5	-6	-1
CHO 7	107	128	123	126	129	127	126	140	+20	-5	+3	+3	-2	-1
CHO 8	108	117	109	106	110	104	100	123	+10	-8	-3	+3	-5	-5
CHO 9	128	137	140	133	136	139	148	168	+8	+3	-7	+2	+3	+9
other Community Services	1	1							+0	-1	+0	+0	+0	+0
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1,106</b>	<b>+61</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>+24</b>
<b>H&amp;WB Corporate &amp; National Services</b>				1	1				<b>+0</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>+0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+0</b>

Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Note 1: Health Sector staffing figures relate to direct employment levels as returned through the Health Service Personnel Census (HSPC) for the public health sector (HSE & Section agencies)

Note 2: Figures relating to service levels are expressed as whole-time equivalents (WTE) in order to take account of part-time working

Finally, these details are available through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC), which is the official employment count for the public health sector *and routinely published* [here](#).

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager