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PQ 30174/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of net additional occupational therapist whole-time equivalent 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 1,868 WTE (2,101 personnel) were Occupational Therapists.

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

Table 1: Occupational 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
Occupational Therapists	1,475	1,528	1,584	1,599	1,702	1,840	1,868	2,101	+53	+56	+16	+103	+138	+29
Acute Services	332	342	359	368	417	484	491	532	+10	+17	+9	+49	+67	+7
Mental Health	300	326	339	339	346	349	353	393	+26	+13	-1	+7	+3	+5
Primary Care	496	516	540	515	543	584	617	718	+20	+24	-25	+28	+41	+33
Disabilities	251	249	241	264	279	297	282	318	-3	-8	+23	+14	+19	-15
Older People	96	95	104	113	113	124	122	137	-1	+9	+9	-0	+11	-2
CHO Operations							1	1	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0	+1
Community Services	1,143	1,186	1,225	1,231	1,280	1,354	1,376	1,567	+43	+39	+6	+49	+74	+21
H&WB Corporate & National Services					5	2	2	2	+0	+0	+0	+5	-3	+0

Table 2: Occupational 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
Occupational Therapists	1,475	1,528	1,584	1,599	1,702	1,840	1,868	2,101	+53	+56	+16	+103	+138	+29
Children's Health Ireland	13	16	19	20	22	28	26	29	+3	+3	+0	+2	+6	-2
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	59	66	64	68	75	73	78	83	+7	-2	+4	+7	-2	+5
Ireland East Hospital Group	107	110	112	110	125	148	141	156	+3	+1	-2	+15	+24	-7
RCSI Hospitals Group	60	59	61	61	70	78	81	84	-2	+2	+0	+9	+7	+3
Saolta University Hospital Care	48	48	54	57	59	69	72	77	-0	+6	+3	+2	+10	+2
South/South West Hospital Group	40	39	44	45	55	66	74	83	-1	+6	+1	+10	+11	+8
University of Limerick Hospital Group	4	5	6	8	11	21	19	20	+1	+1	+2	+3	+10	-2
Acute Services	332	342	359	368	417	484	491	532	+10	+17	+9	+49	+67	+7
CHO 1	119	114	124	128	127	142	147	167	-6	+10	+5	-1	+14	+5
CHO 2	110	111	118	117	129	125	126	141	+1	+8	-2	+12	-3	+1
CHO 3	76	79	86	88	86	89	96	109	+3	+7	+2	-2	+3	+7
CHO 4	151	164	163	169	177	208	212	243	+13	-1	+6	+7	+31	+4
CHO 5	120	127	131	121	120	125	142	161	+7	+4	-10	-1	+5	+16
CHO 6	90	88	92	92	93	93	95	114	-2	+4	-0	+1	+0	+2
CHO 7	169	169	185	184	183	185	183	205	-0	+16	-1	-0	+2	-2
CHO 8	133	143	136	139	150	148	139	166	+10	-7	+4	+11	-2	-9
CHO 9	167	182	180	182	203	226	226	250	+16	-3	+3	+21	+23	-0
other Community Services	8	9	11	11	12	13	10	11	+1	+2	+0	+1	+1	-3
Community Services	1,143	1,186	1,225	1,231	1,280	1,354	1,376	1,567	+43	+39	+6	+49	+74	+21
H&WB Corporate & National Services					5	2	2	2	+0	+0	+0	+5	-3	+0

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