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**PQ 30175/22:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of net additional psychologists whole-time equivalent positions funded by the HSE in each of the years 2017 to 2022; the areas the additional psychologists were assigned to; 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 1,110 WTE (1,255 personnel) were Psychologists.

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

Table 1: Psychologists by Care Group: May 2022

Care Group	WTE Dec 2016	WTE De c 2017	WTE Dec 2018	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Dec 2020		WTE May 2022	No. May 2022	Change 2017	Change 2018	Change 2019	Change 2020	Change 2021	Change YTD 2022
Psychologists	921	964	985	1,004	1,066	1,095	1,110	1,255	+43	+20	+19	+62	+29	+15
Acute Services	82	85	90	101	110	132	133	163	+3	+5	+11	+10	+22	+0
Mental Health	343	370	389	394	424	427	431	478	+27	+18	+6	+29	+3	+4
Primary Care	284	284	298	301	300	285	298	337	-0	+14	+3	-1	-15	+13
Disabilities	210	224	207	204	229	247	241	269	+14	-17	-2	+25	+18	-6
Older People	1		1	2	1	2	5	6	-1	+1	+2	-1	+1	+3
Community Services	837	878	893	901	954	961	975	1,090	+41	+16	+8	+53	+7	+14
H&WB Corporate & National Services	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0

Table 2: Psychologists 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 2018	Change 2019	Change 2020	Change 2021	Change YTD 2022
Psychologists	921	964	985	1,004	1,066	1,095	1,110	1,255	+43	+20	+19	+62	+29	+15
Children's Health Ireland	29	32	37	38	42	47	48	64	+3	+4	+2	+4	+6	+0
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	18	16	13	13	13	17	16	17	-2	-3	-1	+1	+4	-1
Ireland East Hospital Group	21	22	25	33	36	43	46	53	+2	+3	+7	+3	+7	+2
RCSI Hospitals Group	11	10	10	12	12	14	12	14	-1	-0	+2	+0	+2	-2
Saolta University Hospital Care	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	5	+0	+1	-1	+1	+1	+0
South/South West Hospital Group	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	+0	-0	+0	+0	+2	-0
University of Limerick Hospital Group	2	2	2	3	4	4	5	6	+0	+0	+1	+1	+0	+1
Acute Services	82	85	90	101	110	132	133	163	+3	+5	+11	+10	+22	+0
CHO 1	55	58	61	60	62	67	69	75	+3	+4	-1	+2	+4	+2
CHO 2	83	81	84	73	78	83	89	104	-2	+3	-10	+4	+5	+6
CHO 3	112	122	119	124	126	122	123	130	+10	-3	+5	+2	-4	+0
CHO 4	109	116	133	138	152	151	147	167	+7	+18	+5	+14	-0	-4
CHO 5	79	78	75	79	79	77	84	94	-1	-3	+4	-0	-2	+7
CHO 6	62	59	56	56	66	66	72	87	-3	-3	+0	+10	-0	+5
CHO 7	69	85	84	81	87	89	89	101	+16	-1	-4	+6	+2	+0
CHO 8	99	108	106	120	115	116	112	124	+9	-3	+14	-5	+0	-4
CHO 9	167	166	170	164	183	181	181	199	-0	+4	-6	+19	-2	+1
other Community Services	3	5	6	7	7	8	9	9	+2	+1	+1	-0	+1	+1
Community Services	837	878	893	901	954	961	975	1,090	+41	+16	+8	+53	+7	+14
Health & Wellbeing	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
Corporate	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0
H&WB Corporate & National Services	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	+0	+0	+0	+0	+0	+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<sup>2</sup>: 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* <u>here</u>.

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

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager