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PQ 30176/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of net additional physiotherapists whole-time equivalent positions funded by the HSE in each of the years 2017 to 2022; the areas the additional physiotherapists 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 2,173 WTE (2,508 personnel) were Physiotherapists.

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

Table 1: Physiotherapists 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
Physiotherapists	1,729	1,810	1,849	1,851	1,958	2,091	2,173	2,508	+80	+39	+2	+107	+133	+83
Acute Services	880	937	974	992	1,068	1,126	1,172	1,324	+57	+36	+18	+76	+58	+46
Community Health & Wellbeing					1	1			+0	+0	+0	+1	+0	-1
Mental Health	2	1	2	2	2	3	3	4	-1	+0	+1	+0	+1	+0
Primary Care	544	563	563	543	561	605	650	777	+19	+0	-20	+18	+44	+45
Disabilities	185	185	181	189	193	195	188	220	-0	-4	+8	+4	+2	-7
Older People	116	121	127	124	132	161	160	182	+5	+6	-4	+8	+29	-1
Community Services	847	870	873	858	890	964	1,001	1,183	+23	+3	-15	+32	+75	+37
H&WB Corporate & National Services	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	+0	+0	-1	-1	+0	+0

Table 2: Physiotherapists 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
Physiotherapists	1,729	1,810	1,849	1,851	1,958	2,091	2,173	2,508	+80	+39	+2	+107	+133	+83
Children's Health Ireland	35	40	43	49	46	57	57	65	+4	+4	+6	-2	+11	+0
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	155	164	162	160	174	186	200	224	+10	-2	-2	+14	+12	+14
Ireland East Hospital Group	223	229	254	263	287	272	272	313	+6	+25	+9	+24	-15	+0
RCSI Hospitals Group	145	154	157	166	180	194	200	220	+8	+3	+9	+14	+14	+6
Saoita University Hospital Care	131	145	146	141	143	165	163	179	+14	+1	-5	+2	+22	-2
South/South West Hospital Group	141	155	158	162	183	192	218	252	+14	+3	+4	+21	+9	+26
University of Limerick Hospital Group	50	51	54	52	55	60	61	71	+1	+4	-3	+3	+5	+1
Acute Services	880	937	974	992	1,068	1,126	1,172	1,324	+57	+36	+18	+76	+58	+46
CHO 1	91	91	94	90	96	94	109	126	-0	+3	-4	+6	-1	+14
CHO 2	78	88	89	89	94	106	106	126	+10	+1	-0	+5	+12	-0
CHO 3	55	57	58	60	61	77	77	87	+2	+1	+2	+1	+16	+0
CHO 4	104	109	108	107	103	124	126	155	+5	-1	-1	-4	+21	+2
CHO 5	89	94	91	88	91	95	104	123	+5	-3	-3	+3	+4	+9
CHO 6	63	59	62	60	59	66	70	85	-4	+4	-2	-1	+8	+4
CHO 7	122	124	126	114	121	123	131	148	+2	+2	-11	+7	+2	+7
CHO 8	112	111	108	107	108	115	114	140	-1	-2	-2	+1	+7	-1
CHO 9	133	137	137	144	157	164	165	193	+4	-0	+7	+14	+7	+1
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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