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Dear Deputy Tully

RE: PQ30227/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical therapists working in the HSE that have been recruited from overseas excluding Northern Ireland in the past five years, in tabular form; the number of clinical therapists working in the HSE that have been recruited from the UK excluding Northern Ireland in the past five years, in tabular form; the number of clinical therapists working in the HSE that have been recruited from Northern Ireland in the past five years, in tabular form

Many thanks you for your query regarding clinical therapists.

I wish to advise that the source country data for candidates appointed is not available.

Please see below table outlining the total whole time equivalent employed for the grades of Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist and Speech and language Therapist in the HSE.

Staff Category /Group/ Grade	WTE Dec 2016	WTE Dec 2017	WTE Dec 2018	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Dec 2020	WTE Dec 2021	WTE May 2022	WTE Change Dec 2016 May 2021	No. Dec 2016	No. Dec 2017	No. Dec 2018	No. Dec 2019	No. Dec 2020	No. Dec 2021	No. May 2022	No. Change Dec 2016 May 2021
Occupational Therapists	1,475	1,528	1,584	1,599	1,702	1,840	1,868	+394	1,639	1,703	1,787	1,810	1,932	2,085	2,101	+462
Physiotherapists	1,729	1,810	1,849	1,851	1,958	2,091	2,173	+444	1,991	2,077	2,146	2,163	2,275	2,431	2,508	+517
Speech & Language Therapists	1,030	1,103	1,113	1,103	1,150	1,186	1,218	+188	1,164	1,231	1,267	1,277	1,333	1,379	1,407	+243

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 at the following link: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/>

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

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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