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PQ 30535/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent senior podiatrists and whole-time equivalent basic grade podiatrists employed by the Health Service Executive in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; the number of those employed by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall

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

Employment levels at the end of April 2022, show there were 134,573 WTE (equating to 151,836 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 104 WTE (128 personnel) were chiropodists and podiatrists. Details, by grade for the dates requested by the Deputy, together with the latest available figures (April 2022) are as follows:

Service Delivery Area	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Dec 2021	WTE Apr 2022	WTE change since Dec 2021	WTE change since Dec 2019	% change since Dec 2019	No. Dec 2019	No. Apr 2022	No. change since Dec 2019
Podiatrists & Chiropodists	71.6	94.5	104.2	+10	+33	+45.7%	97	128	+31
Chiropodist, Clinical Specialist	2.0	10.7	16.3	+6	+14	+713.0%	2	18	+16
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	52.4	64.9	69.0	+4	+17	+31.6%	70	85	+15
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist	17.1	18.9	19.0	+0	+2	+10.6%	25	25	

The Deputy will be interested to note that the number of directly employed Chiropodists & Podiatrists has increased by 45.7% (+33 WTE) over the period covered by this response.

Details for both acute (31% of the total) and community services (69%) by Community Healthcare area and grade, as requested, are as follows:

Division, CHO & Grade	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Dec 2021	WTE Apr 2022	WTE change since Dec 2021	WTE change since Dec 2019	% change since Dec 2019	No. Dec 2019	No. Apr 2022	No. change since Dec 2019
Podiatrists & Chiropodists	71.6	94.5	104.2	+10	+33	+45.7%	97	128	+31
Chiropodist, Clinical Specialist	2.0	5.3	7.0	+2	+5	+250.5%	2	8	+6
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	22.2	19.4	20.6	+1	-2	-7.4%	30	25	-5
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist	10.0	6.7	4.8	-2	-5	-51.6%	13	6	-7
Acute Services	34.2	31.3	32.4	+1	-2	-5.2%	45	39	-6
Chiropodist, Clinical Specialist		1.8	2.9	+1	+3	-100.0%		3	+3
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	8.8	11.3	14.7	+3	+6	+67.5%	12	18	+6
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist			1.0	+1	+1	-100.0%		1	+1
CHO 1	8.8	13.1	18.5	+5	+10	+111.8%	12	22	+10
Chiropodist, Clinical Specialist		3.0	3.0	+0	+3	-100.0%		3	+3
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	5.4	9.1	9.8	+1	+4	+82.2%	7	12	+5
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist	1.6	2.6	2.6	+0	+1	+63.0%	3	4	+1
CHO 2	7.0	14.8	15.4	+1	+8	+120.6%	10	19	+9
Chiropodist, Clinical Specialist			0.8	+1	+1	-100.0%		1	+1
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	4.5	4.7	2.7	-2	-2	-40.4%	5	3	-2
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist	0.9	2.0	2.3	+0	+1	+150.0%	1	3	+2
CHO 3	5.4	6.7	5.7	-1	+0	+6.1%	6	7	+1
Chiropodist, Clinical Specialist			1.0	+1	+1	-100.0%		1	+1
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	4.5	8.3	10.7	+2	+6	+137.9%	6	13	+7
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist	2.0	2.5	2.5	+0	+1	+25.0%	3	3	+0
CHO 4	6.5	10.8	14.2	+3	+8	+118.5%	9	17	+8
Chiropodist, Clinical Specialist			1.0	+1	+1	-100.0%		1	+1
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	1.0	1.5	1.5	+0	+0	+47.0%	1	2	+1
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist	0.5	1.0	1.0	+0	+1	+112.8%	1	1	+0
CHO 5	1.5	2.5	3.5	+1	+2	+136.1%	2	4	+2
Chiropodist, Clinical Specialist						-100.0%			
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	1.2	2.2	2.2	+0	+1	+84.0%	2	3	+1
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist	0.5	0.5	0.5	+0	+0	+0.0%	1	1	+0
CHO 6	1.7	2.7	2.7	+0	+1	+59.2%	3	4	+1
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	1.0	2.0	1.5	-1	+0	+49.0%	1	3	+2
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist		2.3	3.0	+1	+3	-100.0%		3	+3
CHO 7	1.0	4.3	4.5	+0	+3	+349.0%	1	6	+5
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	3.3	4.5	3.5	-1	+0	+4.8%	5	4	-1
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist	1.3	0.3	0.2	-0	-1	-81.7%	2	2	+0
CHO 8	4.6	4.8	3.7	-1	-1	-19.0%	7	6	-1
Chiropodist, Clinical Specialist		0.6	0.6	-0	+1	-100.0%		1	+1
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist, Senior	0.6	2.0	2.0	+0	+1	+233.3%	1	2	+1
Chiropodist/ Podiatrist	0.4	1.0	1.0	+0	+1	+150.0%	1	1	+0
CHO 9	1.0	3.6	3.6	-0	+3	+258.0%	2	4	+2
Community Services	37.4	63.2	71.8	+9	+34	+92.1%	52	89	+37

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)

Note2: Figures relating to service levels are expressed as whole-time equivalents (WTE) in order to take account of part-time working

I should also point out that in addition to the public chiropody services delivered directly by the HSE; Services are provided by other Providers funded by the HSE through the Chiropody Treatment Card for not only Older Persons but also in particular Diabetic Care, which are additional to the number shown in the above report.

Finally, in relation to Podiatrists and Chiropodist the Deputy will wish to be aware that the Department of Health has recently sanctioned the creation of two managerial level grades in this area:

- Podiatrist / Chiropodist Manager
- Podiatrist / Chiropodist Manager in Charge III

The HSE conducts a monthly census of public health services employment across all services covering the HSE and Section 38 Voluntary Hospitals & Agencies. The Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC) is the official employment count for the public health sector and is routinely published at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/>.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Des Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Des Williams

General Manager