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Dublin 2

PQ 32590/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical scientists that are employed in HSE laboratories across the country and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32605/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32611/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32613/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32615/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical social workers that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32617/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiographers that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32627/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of cardiologists that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32629/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dietitians that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32631/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of gastroenterologists that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32633/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental nurses that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32635/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of oncologists that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32639/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant general adult psychiatrists that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 32641/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical pharmacists that are employed by the HSE and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

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

The Deputy will be interested to note that, 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 & Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 hospitals & agencies. This figure represents an increase of 2,387 WTE (+1.8%) since December 2021 when the effect of turnover (including retirements) and other movements is taken into account.

Details for each staff category by Care Group and Hospital Group/ Community Healthcare Organisation are as set out in the following tables:

Table 1 Total Staffing by Care Group

Total Staffing by Care Group Group: May 2022	Headcount	% of total WTE	WTE	Medical & Dental	Nursing & Midwifery	Health & Social Care Professionals	Management & Administrative	General Support	Patient & Client Care
% of total WTE		100%		9.1%	31.6%	14.2%	16.5%	7.5%	21.1%
Total Staffing	153,578		134,711	12,237	42,568	19,131	22,222	10,099	28,453
Ambulance Services	2,105	1.5%	2,037	1	2		110	4	1,919
Acute Hospital Services	77,844	51.6%	69,532	9,889	26,646	8,962	10,790	7,010	6,234
Acute Services	79,949	53.1%	71,569	9,890	26,648	8,962	10,901	7,014	8,154
Community Health & Wellbeing	331	0.2%	274		5	19	155	1	93
Mental Health	11,590	7.8%	10,485	951	5,070	1,495	1,032	708	1,228
Primary Care	14,997	9.4%	12,637	975	3,295	3,016	3,039	400	1,913
Disabilities	23,202	14.6%	19,625	55	3,719	4,309	1,551	754	9,236
Older People	16,605	10.2%	13,702	119	3,508	461	940	880	7,795
CHO Operations	478	0.3%	452		28	32	384	2	7
Community Services	67,203	42.4%	57,175	2,100	15,624	9,332	7,101	2,745	20,272
H&WB Corporate & National Services	6,426	4.4%	5,967	247	296	836	4,220	339	28

Table 2 Total Staffing by Care Group

Total Staffing by HG & CHO: May 2022	Headcount	% of total WTE	WTE	Medical & Dental	Nursing & Midwifery	Health & Social Care Professionals	Management & Administrative	General Support	Patient & Client Care
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National Ambulance Service	2,105	1.5%	2,037	1	2		110	4	1,919
Children's Health Ireland	4,595	3.0%	4,043	587	1,545	669	822	223	197
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	13,300	8.9%	11,931	1,551	4,397	1,842	1,846	929	1,366
Ireland East Hospital Group	15,956	10.7%	14,365	2,082	5,451	1,838	2,169	1,495	1,331
RCSI Hospitals Group	12,083	8.1%	10,879	1,551	4,203	1,292	1,627	1,101	1,107
Saolta University Hospital Care	12,200	8.0%	10,832	1,688	4,205	1,256	1,610	1,059	1,015
South/South West Hospital Group	13,919	9.1%	12,215	1,750	4,812	1,593	1,810	1,462	788
University of Limerick Hospital Group	5,673	3.8%	5,154	683	2,019	460	821	741	430
other Acute Services	118	0.1%	112		14	12	86		
Acute Services	79,949	53.1%	71,569	9,890	26,648	8,962	10,901	7,014	8,154
CHO 1	7,217	4.7%	6,292	195	1,791	625	856	325	2,501
CHO 2	6,843	4.4%	5,877	225	1,605	944	739	218	2,147
CHO 3	6,015	3.8%	5,102	152	1,325	778	628	236	1,982
CHO 4	10,987	6.7%	8,963	327	2,362	1,197	877	384	3,816
CHO 5	6,883	4.3%	5,809	182	1,664	732	604	311	2,316
CHO 6	4,160	2.7%	3,603	167	917	838	564	203	915
CHO 7	8,293	5.3%	7,104	267	1,838	1,232	795	435	2,538
CHO 8	7,740	4.8%	6,474	255	1,750	1,082	833	177	2,378
CHO 9	8,288	5.4%	7,219	280	2,110	1,832	967	425	1,605
other Community Services	777	0.5%	732	51	263	71	240	32	75
Community Services	67,203	42.4%	57,175	2,100	15,624	9,332	7,101	2,745	20,272
H&WB Corporate & National Services	6,426	4.4%	5,967	247	296	836	4,220	339	28

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

Details in respect of each staff grouping /grade specified in the Deputy's questions are set out in the attached tables.

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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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Des Williams', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Des Williams

General Manager

Requested Grade Goups/ Grades by Care Group: May 2022

	PQ 32590	PQ 32605	PQ 32611	PQ 32613	PQ 32615	PQ 32617	PQ 32627	PQ 32629	PQ 32631	PQ 32633	PQ 32635	PQ 32639	PQ 32641
by Care Group Group: May 2022	Medical Scientists	Physiotherapists	Speech & Language Therapists	Occupational Therapists	Social Workers	Radiographers	Consultant Cardiologists	Dietitians	Consultant Gastroenterologist	Consultant Oncologists	Dental Nurses	Consultant General Adult Psychologist	Pharmacists
% of total WTE	1.5%	1.6%	0.9%	1.4%	1.0%	1.1%	0.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%
Total Staffing	2,060	2,173	1,218	1,868	1,338	1,454	82	708	59	68	507	341	803
Ambulance Services													
Acute Hospital Services	1,965	1,172	266	491	430	1,366	82	472	59	68	31	21	649
Acute Services	1,964.97	1,171.66	265.72	491.06	430.25	1,366.47	82.36	471.89	58.71	67.73	30.63	20.78	648.97
Community Health & Wellbeing								8					
Mental Health		3	66	353	396			19				302	15
Primary Care	17	650	570	617	180	6		153			474	9	63
Disabilities	4	188	281	282	228	1		21				9	7
Older People		160	35	122	78	3		26			2		13
CHO Operations (incl Patient Safety)				1	23								7
Community Services	21	1,001	952	1,376	905	11		228			476	320	105
H&WB Corporate & National Services	75	1		2	3	77		9				0.3	49

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Requested Grade Goups/ Grades by Hospital Group & Community Healthcare Organisation: May 2022

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% of total WTE	1.5%	1.6%	0.9%	1.4%	1.0%	1.1%	0.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.6%
Total Staffing	2,060	2,173	1,218	1,868	1,338	1,454	82	708	59	68	507	341	803
National Ambulance Service													
Children's Health Ireland	130	57	17	26	67	72	8	54	4	6	3		35
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	401	200	47	78	95	224	14	99	16	13	5	7	149
Ireland East Hospital Group	330	272	67	141	108	292	20	103	17	11		6	134
RCSI Hospitals Group	271	200	48	81	71	206	15	69	13	6		7	90
Saolta University Hospital Care	336	163	25	72	37	198	10	45	2	10	23	1	92
South/South West Hospital Group	373	218	52	74	41	283	12	80	8	16			111
University of Limerick Hospital Group	120	61	9	19	12	90	3	21		6			31
other Acute Services	2					1							7
Acute Services	1,965	1,172	266	491	430	1,366	82	472	59	68	31	21	649
CHO 1		109	72	147	103	4		31			31	29	4
CHO 2		106	112	126	90	1		22			29	26	5
CHO 3		77	79	96	62	1		9			35	18	4
CHO 4		126	150	212	138	2		39			108	44	8
CHO 5		104	108	142	62			18			48	26	4
CHO 6	17	70	57	95	60	2		18			71	33	6
CHO 7		131	126	183	117	1		31			52	51	38
CHO 8		114	100	139	99			25			58	31	9
CHO 9	4	165	148	226	144	1		34			44	47	23
other Community Services				10	30							16	4
Community Services	21	1,001	952	1,376	905	11		228			476	320	105
H&WB Corporate & National Services	75	1		2	3	77		9				0.3	49

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