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Deputy Bríd Smith.
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

10th May 2022

PQ Number: 16420/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 656 of 15 February 2022, if the HSE can provide the figures for the categories of absence listed in the question, specifically the numbers suspended or on administrative leave – Brid Smith

Follow up to: PQ 7509/22:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed in the CAMHS services across the State who are not currently in service but who are absent from work; the number who are on voluntary long-term leave career or other break, on sick leave, who are suspended or on administrative leave or who are currently redeployed to other services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

- Number of Staff redeployed is not recorded nationally
- A total of 17 staff nationally were on Career Break at 31st January 2022

| Programme | Census Career Break Count JAN 2022 |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mental Health (Child & Adolescent) | 17 |



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- Sickness absence is recorded using % of lost and available hours – absence is not represented in WTE terms. The % absence for CAMHS is shown below. Percentage sickness absence, including COVID-19 absence, listed below is per month for 2021.

| Calendar Year/Month | Absence % Include Covid-19 | Absence % Excl. Covid-19 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAN 2021 | 7.28 % | 4.50 % |
| FEB 2021 | 5.64 % | 5.05 % |
| MAR 2021 | 5.29 % | 4.87 % |
| APR 2021 | 4.28 % | 3.84 % |
| MAY 2021 | 3.17 % | 3.02 % |
| JUN 2021 | 3.31 % | 3.17 % |
| JUL 2021 | 3.90 % | 3.65 % |
| AUG 2021 | 3.93 % | 3.75 % |
| SEP 2021 | 3.40 % | 3.19 % |
| OCT 2021 | 3.81 % | 3.04 % |
| NOV 2021 | 4.47 % | 3.65 % |
| DEC 2021 | 4.99 % | 3.21 % |

- The table below shows the national record under each of the headings shown.

| Leave Type | 2017 No of Employees | 2018 No of Employees | 2019 No of Employees | 2020 No of Employees | 2021 No of Employees | 2022 No of Employees |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Suspension Unpaid | | | | | | |
| Suspension with Pay | | | | | | |
| Administration Leave | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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