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PQ Ref 24396/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time midwives in each of public maternity units here as of 1 May 2020, 1 May 2021 and 10 May 2022, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Donnelly.

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.

The table below contains (full) whole-time equivalent and head count details for midwifery graded staff at the 30 April for the years requested, who are actively on the payroll of the HSE.

It should be noted that figures will include staffing personnel such as Directors of Midwifery, Clinical Midwife Managers, Midwife Specialists, Senior Midwives, Staff Midwives and Midwifery Students where applicable. However it will not include other staff who may be directly involved in the provision of maternity care in the 19 services such as theatre nurses, general nurses, health care assistants and ultrasonographers from a radiography professional background, nor will the figures include vacant midwifery posts that are being actively recruited into – either from a replacement perspective or newly funded posts.

It is also important to note that these figures represent a snapshot in time, and like any other part of the system, maternity services will have a natural turnover of staff arising from retirements and resignations.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mary-Jo Biggs, General Manager, National Women and Infants Health Programme

Hospital/ Hospital Groups, CHOs / Care Group, HWB & Corporate Function	WTE Apr 2020	WTE Apr 2021	WTE Apr 2022	No. Apr 2020	No. Apr 2021	No. Apr 2022
Midwives	2,119.8	2,833.3	2,109.6	2,568	2,696	2,640
Coombe Women & Infants University	246.4	273.3	243.9	283	330	292
MRH Portlaoise	39.1	40.5	45.2	46	48	53
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	285.5	912.3	289.1	329	378	345
MRH Mullingar	57.4	58.9	54.0	69	68	64
National Maternity	307.9	326.4	293.2	371	377	342
St Luke's General Kilkenny	50.9	47.9	46.9	61	61	59
Wexford General	50.0	54.8	49.7	60	65	59
Ireland East Hospital Group	466.2	488.0	443.8	561	571	524
Cavan General	54.8	57.1	57.9	65	70	70
Our Lady of Lourdes	128.7	128.7	124.9	158	158	146
Rotunda	275.1	275.6	281.5	340	341	340
RCSI Hospitals Group	458.6	461.4	464.2	563	569	556
Galway University	131.2	154.9	141.8	164	193	173
Letterkenny University	51.3	60.0	55.5	73	79	72
Mayo University	36.1	64.8	66.0	44	78	80
Portiuncula University	54.4	53.4	53.4	62	61	61
Sligo University	48.6	57.4	55.6	64	70	70
Saolta University Hospital Care	321.6	390.5	372.2	407	481	558
Cork University	262.1	262.5	246.3	319	317	301
South Tipperary General	33.7	28.3	24.7	40	36	33
UH Kerry	31.0	22.1	23.8	39	26	29
UH Waterford	54.4	57.8	54.1	63	68	64
South/South West Hospital Group	381.2	370.7	348.9	461	447	427
UMH Limerick	206.7	210.5	191.3	247	250	230
University of Limerick Hospital Group	206.7	210.5	191.3	247	250	230