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Deputy Róisín Shortall,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 55111/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed overview of the current age profile of homecare workers employed directly by the HSE and those employed by external providers contracted by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

As at the end of September 2022, employment levels show that there were 5,297 Home Care Support workers employed by the HSE and the various Section 38 hospitals and agencies. This number represents 3.9% of the overall numbers employed in the provision of Health and Social Care Services. A detailed summary of the age profile of directly employed Home Support workers is set out below in Appendix 1.

The HSE does not have access to the personal information of home support staff employed by external providers and consequently an overview of their age profile is unavailable.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Jordan
General Manager
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Appendix 1

Activity as at 30th September 2022.

Age Band	<30	30-39	40-49	50-59	>60	Total	<30	30-39	40-49	50-59	>60
Home Care Support Workers	96	310	821	1,966	2,104	5,297	1.8%	5.9%	15.5%	37.1%	39.7%
CHO 1	36	77	170	338	280	901	4.0%	8.5%	18.9%	37.5%	31.1%
CHO 2	2	12	45	158	312	529	0.4%	2.3%	8.5%	29.9%	59.0%
CHO 3	14	37	88	166	214	519	2.7%	7.1%	17.0%	32.0%	41.2%
CHO 4	20	99	256	577	610	1,562	1.3%	6.3%	16.4%	36.9%	39.1%
CHO 5	12	44	151	378	321	906	1.3%	4.9%	16.7%	41.7%	35.4%
CHO 7	6	18	34	87	95	240	2.5%	7.5%	14.2%	36.3%	39.6%
CHO 8	6	23	77	262	272	640	0.9%	3.6%	12.0%	40.9%	42.5%

Source: HSE Strategic Workforce Planning and Intelligence