



5th December 2022

Deputy Marian Harkin
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 57380/22 - "To ask the Minister for Health the speech and language therapy, social work, physiotherapy and occupational therapy positions allocated and filled on a national basis by hospital group and CHO area, in each of the years 2015 to 2021, in tabular form."

Dear Deputy Harkin,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The information is not currently available in the format requested, however please see below the most up to date information available for Social Workers and Therapy Professionals within the Community Healthcare Organisations in the following table from 2015 to 2021:

Total Occupational Therapists, Speech & Language Therapists, Social Workers & Physiotherapists	WTE Dec 2015	WTE Dec 2016	WTE Dec 2017	WTE Dec 2018	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Dec 2020	WTE Dec 2021
CHO 1	335	355	357	366	372	388	405
CHO 2	343	353	369	392	394	411	428
CHO 3	232	241	251	261	265	269	295
CHO 4	472	495	530	526	525	548	612
CHO 5	328	377	392	388	370	369	388
CHO 6	281	285	268	287	279	271	278
CHO 7	461	508	532	544	528	541	546
CHO 8	405	441	463	444	440	457	460
CHO 9	533	550	587	587	584	635	662

All our employment data is available on the HSE Personnel Census website [here](#).

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacqueline Nix".

Jacqueline Nix

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