



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

Deputy Bríd Smith  
 Dáil Éireann,  
 Leinster House,  
 Kildare Street,  
 Dublin 2.

PQ 52370/22 - **“To ask the Minister for Health the number of educational psychologists who are currently employed by the Health Service Executive; if the HSE intends not to employ educational psychologists in primary care and CAMHS services moving forward, given that trainee educational psychologists were excluded from the new funding provided for professional psychology training introduced in Budget 2023; his plans, if any, to ensure the recruitment and retention of suitably qualified educational psychologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

Please see the number of Educational Psychologists who are currently employed by the Health Service Executive in the following table:

Staff Category /Group/ Grade	Grade (code)	WTE 2022	Sep 2022	No. 2022	Sep 2022
Primary Care			6		7
Disabilities			13		15

The HSE do not have any Educational Psychologists employed within CAMHS. Please see below the most up to date information available for Psychologists within Mental Health in the following table:

**Mental Health**

Sep 2022	WTE Dec 2019	WTE Dec 2020	WTE Aug 2022	WTE Sep 2022	WTE change since	WTE change since	WTE change since	WTE change since	% change since Dec 19	No. Sep 2022
Psychologists	394.	424.	430.	434.	+4.	+10.	+2.3%	+39.	+10.0%	510

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

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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