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PQ 44438/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time dietitians working in Coolock primary care centres in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

The Community Dietetic Service aims to improve the nutritional status of the population of Dublin North and help reduce the incidence of nutrition-related diseases. This is achieved through a combination of nutrition health promotion and clinical work by a qualified healthcare professional.

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| Number of Dietitians in | 2021 | 1 |
| Coolock Network | 2022 | 1 |

There is one full time senior dietitian covering the Coolock and Kilbarrack Network areas. Unfortunately the service was unsuccessful in filling cover for this post from March 2021 – April 2022. This full time post covers both the Coolock and Kilbarrack Network areas.

The HSE and CHO DNCC are actively recruiting a further three Dietitians to increase the number available to the Coolock Network Area. These additional positions are funded through the Enhanced Community Care programme and I am hoping that they will be filled soon.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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