

16th February, 2023

Mr. Christopher O'Sullivan, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 4977/23

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of lactation consultants that will be appointed in CHO4 in 2023".

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

There are 3.30 lactation consultants appointed to Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CHO 4). These are distributed as follows:

- 0.5 WTE South Lee
- 0.5 WTE North Cork
- 0.5 WTE Kerry
- 0.8 WTE West Cork, and
- 1.0 WTE North Lee.

There are in excess of 20 PHN Community Midwives who are International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLC) Lactation consultants also working across the CHO.

There are no plans at this time to appoint additional lactation consultants to the CKCH area in 2023.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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