

16<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

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

**PQ ref 4978/23**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of lactation consultants that will be appointed in Bandon, Kinsale, Carrigaline networks of network 13 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

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 is no lactation consultant appointed specifically to the Community Healthcare Network 13 area (i.e. Bandon, Kinsale and Carrigaline). There are however four Public Health Nurses who are qualified lactation consultants working within Network 13. There is also a 0.5 WTE lactation consultant appointed to the South Lee area, which incorporates Networks 11, 12, 13 and 14.

There are no plans at this time to appoint additional lactation consultants to the Network 13 area.

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

Yours sincerely,



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