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PQ 4200/23 – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE dietitians working in each primary care centre in CHO9 as of 24 January 2023, in tabular form” – **Catherine Murphy TD**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The table below represents the Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) per Network in Community Health Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC). Dietitians are allocated per Network area rather than per primary care/health centre. The Network Dietitian will accept referrals from across all the primary care centres within each network and offer appointments to clients in a primary care/health centre within that Network.

CHO DNCC Area	Network	Dietitian WTE per Network	Health Centres within the Network that hold Dietetic Clinics
Dublin North West	Blakestown	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grove Court Hartstown Health Centre
Dublin North West	Blanchardstown	2 Approved 0 Actual (1 WTE Vacant & 1 Long term Sick Leave)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corduff PCC Roselawn HC
Dublin North West	Cabra	3 Approved 0.5 WTE 1.0 WTE-agency 1.5 WTE Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navan Road PCC Grangegorman PCC
Dublin North West	Finglas	3 approved 0 Actual (3 WTE Vacant)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballygall Health Centre Wellmount Health Centre
Dublin North Central	Ballymun/Larkhill	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballymun
Dublin North Central	North Inner City	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summerhill PCC
Dublin North Central	Clontarf	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marino HC

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Dublin North	Balbriggan	1.5 WTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balbriggan Primary Care Centre (PCC) Rush Health Centre Skerries Health Centre <p>Also provides some cover to Coolock PCC until recruitment of WTE for that area</p>
Dublin North	Swords	1 WTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swords Health Centre Donabate Health Centre

Dublin North	Coastal	1 WTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portmarnock Primary Care Centre Also provides some cover to Coolock PCC until recruitment of WTE for that area
Dublin North	Coolock	1 WTE currently vacant	Cover is currently provided by other Network staff until recruitment of WTE for this area
Dublin North	Kilbarrack	0.8 WTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tonlegee Primary Care Centre Also provides some cover to Coolock PCC until recruitment of WTE for that area

CHO DNCC have introduced continuous rolling recruitment campaigns for difficult to fill specialities, including Dietitians, and is currently working with recruitment agencies to source candidates from the local & international market.

The recruitment team have also introduced new initiatives to market and attract new candidates including moving recruitment campaigns to a new user friendly applicant software, local refer a friend scheme, attended Health Care Jobs Fair in Dublin, and advertising jobs in specialty publications such as union newsletters, local newspapers and professional body websites. CHO DNCC actively publish vacancy and recruitment campaigns on dedicated social media platforms.

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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