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RE: PQ 36106/23

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question no. 637 of 24 January 2023, the reason that the number of HSE Health Care Support Assistants in Co. Clare is significantly lower than every other county in CHO 3; and if he wants to make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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

The direct recruitment of Health Care Support Assistants in Clare commenced in 2020 but had been ongoing in Limerick and North Tipperary for many years prior to that. That is why the number of Health Care Support Assistants is currently lower in Clare than in other counties in the region.

Clare	February 2023	July 2023
Health Care Support Assistants	76	79

You will note from the above table that the number of HSE Health Care Support Assistants has increased from 76 in February 2023 to 79 in July 2023. Recruitment is ongoing and after the most recent campaign, there are now 10 more Health Care Support Assistants undergoing HR compliance. Once this process has been completed, these new appointments will further add to Health Care Support Assistant numbers in Clare.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P.P. Angela Frawley".

P.P Angela Frawley
General Manager, Community Older Persons Services