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Deputy Brady,  
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Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 31416/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of palliative care teams and staff members in CHO6 and CHO7 Wicklow at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-John Brady**

Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 31416/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Adult Specialist palliative care services are provided in Adult Acute hospitals, Specialist inpatient units (Hospices), Community settings (Home or normal place of residence). There is a Specialist palliative care team in each CHO, all of which are Consultant lead. Each team, depending on CHO size by population can have differing staff numbers and personnel types.

There are four Hospices in CHO6 and 7. Our Lady's Hospice and Care Services provide and govern their three Hospices, Community, Inpatient and day care Specialist Palliative care services. St Brigid's Hospice and Homecare Services in Kildare is governed by the HSE.

**Bed numbers and staffing are listed below.**

WTE as per 2022 Census Inpatient Units	Bed numbers	Management Administration	Medical	Nursing	Health & Social Care	General Support Services
St Brigid's Hospice and Homecare Services, The Curragh, Co. Kildare	9 Beds open, planned 13 beds	2.7	1	23.5	5.5	3.6
Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services - Harold's Cross, Dublin	36	9.52	10.61	54.8	18.72	3.94
Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services - Blackrock Hospice, Dublin	12	2.46	3.63	24.38	5.63	9.73
Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services Wicklow Hospice	15	6.3	3.49	29.5	3.44	1.4



WTE as per 2022 Census for Community	CHO 6	CHO 7
Management/Administration	6.59	3.44
Medical	Shared with hospice	0.60
Nursing	21.56	38.11
Health & Social Care	2.10	2.0
General Support Services	2.84	Shared with hospice

Based on gaps identified in the recent national workforce planning exercise for consultants in palliative medicine, NSP2023 has provided an additional 2 consultants in palliative medicine as shared posts between Our Lady's Hospice and Care Services and Tallaght and Our Lady's Hospice and Care Services and St. James hospital. An additional psychologist and speech therapist for Our Lady's Hospice and Care Services Harold's Cross has also been provided to enhance outpatient provision.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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