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Mr. Darren O'Rourke T.D.,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question - 13352/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Audiologists working in each primary care centre within CHO8 as of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in tabular form**

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows;

There are 3.5 Audiologists working in the Midlands and 3.8 Audiologists working in Louth/Cavan and Monaghan. They all have a base location but work across other health centres dependant on demand/clinical need. Depending on the accommodation some clients attend a clinic in a different county; for example, the Audiology room in Longford has no sound proofing so we cannot see paediatric patients there, they are seen in Clonbrusk, Athlone.

County Meath clients are seen by the CHO9 service in Grangegorman PCC, Dublin 7; they are not included in the numbers below.

Below are the Audiologists WTE based on clinics the audiologists have there per week.

#### **Midlands**

Mullingar PCC	0.8
Clonbrusk PCC	1
Longford Health Centre	0.2
Tullamore Health Centre	1
St Fintan's, Portlaoise	0.5



**Louth, Cavan, Monaghan**

Louth PCCC, Dundalk	2.0 (0.8 is a 2 year SPC post)
Cootehill Community Building	1.8 (0.2 is a 2 year SPC post)

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style.

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Des O'Flynn  
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