

5th April 2023

Deputy Pdraig O'Sullivan, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 14258/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapist vacancies in CHO4; the number that have been filled; the number working full-time and part-time; 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.

Primary Care Service

CKCH	Staff Grade Physio	Snr Physio
The number of physiotherapist vacancies	16 WTE	19.3 WTE
The number that have been filled	Campaign Ongoing	Campaign Ongoing
The number working full-time	33	65
The number working part-time	5	55

The figures provided in the table above reflect the position as at the end of February 2023. Please note that posts identified as being full time may also be utilizing statutory parental leave therefore the actual WTE will not be reflected in the above information.

Services for Older Persons

Residential Services:

Physiotherapy services to our residential units are provided through our colleagues in Primary Care under the clinical governance of a Physiotherapy manager where the unit is based. Vacancies are identified and filled by the relevant Physiotherapy manager and allotted to care groups including Services for Older Persons as required. Currently there are no identified vacancies in the physiotherapy service provided for our residential units.

Non-Residential Services:

Within Non-Residential Services for Older Persons, the Integrated Care Programme for Older Persons (ICPOP) has a number of Physiotherapy posts. The table below sets out the position as at February 2023:

ICPOP February 2023	Number of Posts	Number of vacancies	Number working Full Time	Number Working Part time
Physiotherapists	8.5	0	8.5	0

Mental Health Services

There are no physiotherapists employed within Mental Health Services.

Disability Services

HSE Disability Services in CKCH provides funding to Lead agencies through Service Level Agreements. Lead agencies are responsible for recruitment of staff within their organisation and the HSE does not hold HR records for these agencies. Therefore, HSE CKCH Disability Services is unable to advise if posts are filled on a full-time or part-time basis.

Please see below table for detail in relation to Physiotherapy posts.

Role	Approved WTE	Vacant WTE	Filled WTE
Physiotherapy	32.70	6.50	26.2

Figs as at Feb 2023

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

Yours sincerely,



Gabrielle O'Keeffe
Interim Chief Officer

