

5th April 2023

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

PQ ref 14259/23

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologist 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 Services

CKCH	Assistant Psychologist	Clinical Psychologist	Senior Psychologist
The number of psychologist vacancies	6 WTE	6.5 WTE	2 WTE
The number that have been filled	Campaign Ongoing	Campaign Ongoing	Campaign Ongoing
The number working full-time	11	18	6
The number working part-time	1	6	1

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:

There are no Psychologist posts directly aligned to Services for Older Persons within our residential sector.

Non- Residential Services:

Within Non-Residential Services for Older Persons, the Integrated Care Programme for Older Persons (ICPOP) has a one Psychology post. 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
Psychologists	1	1	0	0

Mental Health Services

Please see table below in relation to psychology posts in Mental Health Services. 1 WTE is equal to 35 hours per week and many staff may be on limited hours due to parental leave, etc.

Discipline	Approved WTE	Vacant WTE	Filled WTE
Psychologists	117.4	7	110.4
Psychology Assistants	9	2	7

Figs as at the end of Feb 2023

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.

Discipline	Approved WTE	Vacant WTE	Filled WTE
Psychology	46.46	6.50	39.96

Figs as at the end of Feb 2023

Yours sincerely,



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