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Ms. Kathleen Funchion TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 20672/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE paediatric speech and language therapists working in each primary care centre within CHO5 in each of the years 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Function,

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

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

It was not possible to specify the exact Primary Care Centre locations as many staff work across several centres/schools and sometimes operate on a rotational basis. Specific data regarding locations as it was variable at the time can be difficult to provide retrospectively.

In Carlow/Kilkenny Speech & Language Therapists who are now aligned with Networks 2 & 3 worked between James' Green, Ayrfield and Callan until Newpark PCC and Thomastown PCC opened, then transferred over. Therapists rotated days in Ayrfield and Callan also pending clinic demands and accommodation requirements.

WTE numbers can include Managers, Clinical Specialists, Senior and Staff Grade SLTs.

WTE Paediatric Speech & Language Therapists (SLTs) in post in CHO 5	2021	2022	2023
South Tipperary area			
Total Number	13.4	13.2	13.9
Carlow/Kilkenny area			
Total Number	5.7	11.1	13
Waterford area			
Total No.	12.8	11.5	12.2
Wexford area			
Total No.	17.58	25.2	19.3

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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