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PQ Ref: 21964/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Diabetes Clinical Nursing posts, and WTE Dietitians that have been recruited to date to staff the HSE ECC Specialist Ambulatory Care Hubs Diabetes service across the 9 HSE CHOs; the number of each of these grades that have physically taken up post; the number of each grade that are currently going through the HSE recruitment process; the number of posts that remained unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response.

As outlined in previous correspondence, in line with Sláintecare, the Enhanced Community Care Programme (ECC) objective is to deliver increased levels of health care with service delivery reoriented towards general practice, primary care and community-based services. The focus is on implementing an end-to-end care pathway that will care for people at home and over time prevent referrals and admissions to acute hospitals where it is safe and appropriate to do so, and enable a “home first” approach.

The ECC Programme was allocated €240m for the establishment of 96 CHNs, 30 Community Specialist Teams for Older People, 30 Community Specialist Teams for Chronic Disease, national coverage for Community Intervention Teams and the development of a volunteer-type model in collaboration with ALONE.

In reference to the information requested above, Table 1 below outlines the total number of new Clinical Nurse Specialist - Diabetes, Senior and Staff Grade Dietician posts approved for ECC, along with the number of posts onboarded to date, the number at an advanced stage of recruitment, and the number of roles for which a recruitment campaign is underway.

Table 1 - ECC Diabetes Clinical Nurse Specialist & Dietician Posts

| Grade | Approved ECC Posts | Onboarded to date | Advanced Stage of Recruitment | Recruitment campaign underway |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Clinical Nurse Specialist, Diabetes | 93 | 40 | 0 | 53 |
| Dietician, Senior | 98.5 | 65.5 | 5 | 28 |
| Dietician, Staff Grade | 96 | 21 | 11 | 64 |
| Total WTE | 287.5 | 126.5 | 16 | 145 |



The HSE continues to run recruitment campaigns locally and internationally to attract suitably qualified staff.

I hope the above is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Crowley', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Geraldine Crowley,
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