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Deputy Joan Collins,
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“To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the full complement of therapists, public health nurses and so on that made up the complement of health staff in Curlew Road Health centre before 1 April 2023; how many health staff from all grades were transferred over to Armagh Road; how many health workers have been recruited since the beginning of the year; and how many of those have been allocated to Curlew Road and Armagh Road.”

Deputy Joan Collins

Dear Deputy Collins,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm the below table outlines the number of staff currently working in Curlew Road.

Service	Staff	Service detail
Public Health Nurses	1.8	Clinic and home visit service
Occupational Therapy	2.0 WTE	Hand clinic in Curlew Road and home visit service
Dietetics	1.0 WTE	Clinic and home visit service
Social Work	1 .WTE	Home visit service provided by Social work staff from Network 4 Armagh Road and Old County Road Health Centre
Physiotherapy	Staff in Armagh Road PCC and Old County Road Health Centre	Home visit service, and clinic service in Old County Road
Speech and Language Therapy	Staff in Armagh Road PCC and Old County Road Health Centre	Children service provided in Old County Road/Armagh Road
Psychology	Staff in Armagh Road PCC and Old County Road Health Centre	Service provided in Old County Road/Armagh Road

No staff have been transferred to Armagh Road from Curlew Road and one Public Health Nurse has been recruited since the beginning of 2023.

The Public Health Nursing Service is experiencing a significant shortage of Public Health Nurses (PHN) and Community Registered Nurses. Recruitment to vacant nursing posts continues to challenge the Nursing Services despite ongoing recruitment campaigns and attendances at recruitment fairs both Nationally and Internationally. Currently there is a rolling Campaign underway to fill vacant positions, however to date none of the vacancies have been filled.

The Health Service Executive will continue to run recruitment campaigns and both the Primary Care Service and the Public Health Nursing Service will continue to strive to provide the required nursing services to the population.

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

Yours sincerely,

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