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PQ 25269/23: To ask the Minister for Health the WTE staffing level by role and taskforce in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Gould,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question in relation to staffing which was forwarded to the Health Services Executive (HSE) by the Department of Health for direct reply.

The Deputy will be interested to note that, Employment levels at the end of April 2023, show there were 140,503 WTE (equating to 158,847 personnel) directly employed in the provision of Health & Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 hospitals & agencies. Details as requested in tabular form by professional classification (role) and care group (taskforce) are as follows:

Total Staffing by Care Group: Apr 2023	HC Apr 2023	% of total WTE	WTE Apr 2023	Medical & Dental	Nursing & Midwifery	Health & Social Care Professionals	Management & Administrative	General Support	Patient & Client Care
% of total WTE		100%		9.2%	31.8%	14.2%	17.1%	7.3%	20.3%
Total Staffing	158,847		140,503	12,888	44,709	19,986	24,088	10,251	28,580
Ambulance Services	2,216	1.5%	2,167	1	3		148	4	2,011
Acute Hospital Services	81,664	52.4%	73,683	10,427	28,511	9,353	11,591	7,215	6,587
Acute Services	83,880	54.0%	75,850	10,428	28,514	9,353	11,740	7,218	8,598
Community Health & Wellbeing	487	0.3%	398	3	14	35	162	1	183
Mental Health	11,677	7.6%	10,640	984	5,010	1,554	1,160	676	1,256
Primary Care	14,568	8.8%	12,322	1,047	3,463	3,262	2,952	372	1,227
Disabilities	23,776	14.3%	20,092	53	3,771	4,388	1,717	749	9,414
Older People	16,778	9.9%	13,969	123	3,593	446	1,066	866	7,875
CHO Operations	924	0.6%	881		41	81	711	41	7
Community Services	68,210	41.5%	58,302	2,211	15,892	9,765	7,767	2,705	19,963
National Services & Central Functions	6,757	4.5%	6,351	250	303	868	4,581	328	20

Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Note¹: Health Sector staffing figures relate to direct employment levels as returned through the Health Service Personnel Census (HSPC) for the public health sector (HSE & Section agencies)

Note²: Figures relating to service levels are expressed as whole-time equivalents (WTE) and calculated to 2 decimals in order to take account of part-time working

Workforce reports are available through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC), which is the official employment count for the public health service. The latest published information is routinely published [here](#).

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Des Williams', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Des Williams

General Manager