



8th June 2023

Deputy Patricia Ryan
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Ryan

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

PQ Number: 26360/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of dementia advisors there are for each CHO area, for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.

The Dementia Adviser Service is a national service, managed by the Alzheimer Society of Ireland (ASI) and financially supported by the HSE through a Service Level Agreement. The role of Dementia Advisers is to support people who have been diagnosed with dementia, their families and carers. Their services offering includes:

- Provision of information and advice throughout the journey of a person with dementia
- Helping people with dementia and their families connect with dementia supports and services
- Helping people with dementia and their families connect with local groups and services and,
- Helping local communities to be more dementia friendly.

As of May 2023, there were 29 dementia advisors employed through ASI. As requested, please see table 1 below which outlines the number of dementia advisors employed per CHO area per year: 2020, 2021, 2022 and year to date in 2023.

Table 1: Number of Dementia Advisors per CHO (2020-2023 YTD)

Year	CHO 1	CHO 2	CHO 3	CHO 4	CHO 5	CHO 6	CHO 7	CHO 8	CHO 9	Total
2020	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	2	8
2021	2	3	3	3	4	2	1	2	2	22
2022	4	3	3	3	4	2	3	4	3	29
2023 YTD	4	3	3	3	4	2	3	4	3	29

Kind Regards,

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