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Marian Harkin T.D.  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref. 51094/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health how many full-time and part-time healthcare staff have been employed in a facility (details supplied); to provide a breakdown of each medical discipline; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**The Benbulbin Chronic Disease Management Hub in Sligo**

Dear Deputy Harkin

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

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan and Sligo.

The table below contains the breakdown of information requested.

<b>A breakdown, by discipline, of the full time and part time staff employed at the Benbulbin Chronic Disease Management Hub in Sligo</b>				
<b>Physiotherapy</b>	<b>Speciality</b>	<b>Number of Staff Currently in Post</b>	<b>Number of Vacant Posts</b>	<b>Plan</b>
Senior Physiotherapist	Respiratory	2	1	Vacant due to Protective Leave. The approved post cannot be offered due to the recruitment freeze.
Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist	Respiratory	1	0	
Staff Grade Physiotherapist	Respiratory	1	0	
Senior Physiotherapist	Cardiac	1	0	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	



<b>Nursing</b>	<b>Speciality</b>	<b>Number of Staff currently in Post</b>	<b>Number of Vacant Posts</b>	<b>Plan</b>
Staff Nurse	Cardiac	0	1	Selected candidate to commence in post on 19/12/2023
Clinical Specialist Nurse	Cardiac	3	0	
Advanced Nurse Practitioner	Cardiac	1	0	
Clinical Nurse Specialist	Respiratory	3	1	Interviews were scheduled to be held on 06/12/2023. On hold due to recruitment pause
Clinical Nurse Specialist	Diabetes	3.6	0	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>10.6</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Psychology</b>	<b>Speciality</b>	<b>Number of Staff Currently in Post</b>	<b>Number of Vacant Posts</b>	<b>Plan</b>
Senior Psychologist	Cardiac	0	0.2	Unable to fill the 0.2 WTE post. A business case was submitted for a 1.0 WTE post was not approved
<b>Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	
<b>Dietetics</b>	<b>Speciality</b>	<b>Number of Staff Currently in Post</b>	<b>Number of Vacant Posts</b>	<b>Plan</b>
Staff Grade Dietician	Diabetes	2	1	Interviews were scheduled to be held on 07/12/2023. On hold due to recruitment pause
Senior Dietician	Diabetes	3	0	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	



Podiatry	Speciality	Number of Staff Currently in Post	Number of Vacant Posts	Plan
Staff Grade Podiatrist	Diabetes	1	0	
Senior Podiatrist	Diabetes	0	1	Interviews scheduled to be held on 19/12/2023. On hold due to recruitment pause
Clinical Specialist Podiatrist	Diabetes	1	0	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Overall Totals</b>		<b>22.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>	

It should also be noted that a number of staff from Sligo University Hospital provide support in the Benbulbin Chronic Disease Management Hub and in other Primary Care Centres. Diagnostic staff, including Respiratory Physiologists, also provide a service from the Benbulbin CDM hub.

Kindly note this response was held due to Fórsa Industrial Action which has now been lifted.

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

Yours sincerely

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