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PQ 23/44677 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE audiologists by grade employed by the HSE in CHO 5 in the years 2022 and to date in 2023; the locations within CHO5 where these audiologists are based, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The following WTE is as per 31st December each year.

| CHO5 area | Grade of Audiologist | Employment base | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|------|------|------|
| South Tipperary | Senior | Clonmel | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Carlow/Kilkenny | Staff | Kilkenny | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Waterford (provides paediatric service to greater CHO5) | Staff | Waterford | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| | Senior | | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| | Chief | | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Wexford | Staff | Wexford | 1 | 2 * | 2 * |
| | Senior | | 1 | 1 | 1 |

- 1 post as part of Waiting List Initiative

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

Yours sincerely,

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