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**PQ ref 45833/23**

***“To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists working in Donegal Primary Care Services and Services for Older Persons in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023; and the number of older persons waiting to see a physiotherapist in Donegal as of 11 October 2023.”***

Dear Deputy Smith

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 for Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo.

The table below outlines the updated figures regarding the number of physiotherapists in Donegal Primary Care Services. The Donegal Manager for Older Persons Services (OPS) has clarified that all physiotherapists are employed by Primary Care Services and none are under OPS.

Primary Care	2022	2023
# of Physiotherapists	36	40

The number of older persons waiting to see a physiotherapist in Co. Donegal at the end of October 2023 was 1,337.

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

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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