



1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Deputy Louise O'Reilly  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

PQ 46635/23 -To ask the Minister for Health how many staff are currently employed in a range of posts (details supplied); and how many vacancies currently exist for the same posts; in tabular form.

1. Occupational Therapy 2. Physiotherapy 3. Social Work 4. Nursing 5. Psychology 6. Speech and Language Therapy 7. Behavioural Specialists 8. Home Support Workers and 9. Dietetics.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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

The information you require is not currently available in the format requested. However, please see the number of staff currently employed in the Staff Categories requested:

SEP 2023	No. SEP 2023
Dietitians	352
Occupational Therapists	1636
Orthoptists	22
Physiotherapists	1250
Podiatrists & Chiropodists	106
Speech & Language Therapists	1103
<b>Therapy Professions</b>	<b>4469</b>
Social Workers	1120
<b>Social Workers</b>	<b>1120</b>
Psychologists	1168
<b>Psychologists</b>	<b>1168</b>
Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Manager 1	689
Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Manager 2	1892
Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Manager 3	309
Director Nursing/Midwifery, Assistant	626
Director of Nursing/Midwifery	226
<b>Nurse/ Midwife Manager</b>	<b>3742</b>

Advanced Nurse/ Midwife Practitioner	119
Adv. Nurse/ Midwife, Candidate	93
Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Specialist	1151
<b>Nurse/ Midwife Specialist &amp; AN/MP</b>	<b>1363</b>
Staff Midwives	7
Staff Nurse [Intellectual Disability]	2015
Staff Nurse [Psychiatric]	3020
Staff Nurses [General/ Children's]	5418
<b>Staff Nurse/ Staff Midwife</b>	<b>10460</b>
Public Health Nurse	1793
<b>Public Health Nurse</b>	<b>1793</b>
Nursing/ Midwifery awaiting registration	80
Post-registration Nurse/ Midwife Student	96
Pre-registration Nurse/ Midwife Intern	345
<b>Nursing/ Midwifery Student</b>	<b>521</b>
Nursing Education/Clinical	74
<b>Nursing/ Midwifery other</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Nursing &amp; Midwifery</b>	<b>17953</b>
Home Care Services	219
Home Helps	5303
<b>Home Help</b>	<b>5522</b>

In relation to your request seeking the number of vacancies, there is no accepted definition of what a vacancy actually is. Data in relation to vacancies that are approved for replacement include New Development posts, retirements and resignations. However there can be other reasons posts are not filled (for example where there is long term sick leave, maternity leave, blocks of parental leave etc.), which may not be possible to gain budgetary approval to replace, although there may be a person assigned to such 'vacancies'/posts that are crucial to service delivery. However they are not an approved vacancy.

Because of the complexity of it, it is not possible to hold accurate data at a national level or give a definitive figure for vacancies as this information is not routinely collected in the manner sought.

All our employment data is available on the HSE Personnel Census, [here](#).

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



**Jacqueline Nix**

*Assistant National Director, HR Community Operations*