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PQ 15446/24: To ask the Minister for Health the level of staff, by grade, employed by the Health Service in May 2016, in tabular form; and the change and new level to March 2020; the change and new level to June 2020

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question in relation to staffing which was forwarded to the Health Services Executive (HSE) by the Department of Health for direct reply.

Emolument levels for the health services are published on a monthly basis for personnel directly employed in the provision of Health & Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 hospitals & agencies through the Health Service Personnel Census (HSPC).

Details for each date as requested (May 2016, March 2020 and June 2020) by the Deputy for each of our staff groups are set out in the attached.

Workforce reports are available through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC), which is the official employment count for the public health service. The latest available employment information is routinely published [here](#).

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Des Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Des Williams

General Manager

Health Service Staffing by Staff Group December 2013-2023 & February 2024

Staff Category/ Staff Group	Mar 2016	Mar 2020	Jun 2020	Change Mar 2016 to Mar 2020	Change Mar 2020 to Jun 2020
Total Health Service Staffing	108,649	120,469	124,352	+11,820	+3,883
Consultants	2,759	3,281	3,382	+522	+101
Registrars	2,996	3,670	3,736	+674	+66
SHO/ Interns	2,834	3,087	4,036	+253	+949
Medical/ Dental, other	799	795	822	-3	+27
Medical & Dental	9,388	10,833	11,976	+1,445	+1,143
Nurse/ Midwife Manager	7,039	8,047	8,228	+1,007	+182
Nurse/ Midwife Specialist & ANMP	1,519	2,078	2,129	+559	+51
Staff Nurse/ Staff Midwife	24,683	25,777	25,915	+1,094	+138
Public Health Nurse	1,486	1,510	1,507	+24	-3
Nursing/ Midwifery Student	893	1,056	1,640	+163	+584
Nursing/ Midwifery other	298	356	365	+59	+8
Nursing & Midwifery	35,918	38,824	39,783	+2,906	+960
Therapy Professions	4,637	5,265	5,448	+629	+182
Health Science/ Diagnostics	4,180	4,529	4,686	+348	+158
Social Care	2,159	2,712	2,731	+553	+18
Social Workers	1,089	1,174	1,201	+85	+27
Psychologists	893	1,006	1,021	+114	+15
Pharmacy	820	1,078	1,121	+258	+43
H&SC, Other	1,049	1,135	1,108	+86	-27
Health & Social Care Professionals	14,827	16,899	17,316	+2,072	+416
Management (VIII & above)	1,368	1,860	1,908	+492	+48
Administrative/ Supervisory (V to VII)	3,833	5,306	5,487	+1,473	+181
Clerical (III & IV)	11,152	11,806	11,774	+653	-32
Management & Administrative	16,354	18,972	19,169	+2,618	+197
Maintenance/ Technical	1,217	1,189	1,200	-28	+11
Support	8,258	8,438	8,714	+180	+276
General Support	9,475	9,627	9,914	+152	+287
Health Care Assistants	14,915	17,119	18,258	+2,204	+1,139
Home Help	3,465	3,457	3,214	-8	-243
Ambulance Staff	1,591	1,832	1,845	+241	+12
Care, other	2,716	2,905	2,877	+190	-28
Patient & Client Care	22,687	25,314	26,194	+2,627	+880

Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Note 1: Health Sector staffing figures relate to direct employment levels as returned through the Health Service Personnel Census (HSPC) for the public health sector (HSE & Section agencies)

Note 2: Figures relating to service levels are expressed as whole-time equivalents (WTE) and calculated to 2 decimals in order to take account of part-time working