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Deputy Ken O'Flynn, TD,
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“To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior grade psychologists based in community care within CHO4 in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy O'Flynn,

HSE South West 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.

By way of information, recruitment campaigns managed within the HSE are informed by the Codes of Practice, as established by the Public Service Appointments Commission and are informed by clear principles to include probity, transparency, fairness, merit, inclusivity, and best practice.

In July 2024 the HSE received a detailed direction in relation to Pay and Numbers Strategy and Spend Limits (Pay and Non-Pay) which relates to HSE and Section 38 health services (excluding services involved in the provision of disability services). HSE South West now has a clear whole time equivalent (WTE) allocation along with a total pay spend limit with the authority to replace, recruit, and prioritise within the resources allocated.

The following table demonstrates Senior Psychologists based in community care in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form;

Care Group	Grade	Census WTE DEC 2023	Census WTE DEC 2024	Census WTE MAR 2025
Primary Care	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	7.65	5.31	7.38
Disabilities	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	0.91	0.91	0.91
Mental Health	Psychologist, Senior Clinical	38.04	32.47	37.01
Mental Health	Psychologist, Senior Counselling	1.91	1.44	1.44
	Total	48.51	40.13	46.74

I trust the above answers your query.



Yours sincerely,


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