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Deputy Clarke
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff vacancies in mental health services, by CHO area, at the end of 2024, and the number of vacant posts in mental health services at present, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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.

The HSE does not routinely collect data on vacancies due to the dynamic nature of our workforce and movement within services. Turnover data, however is captured. The most up to date turnover rate for the organisation is at Q3 2024 – please find link to the Q3 2024 Workforce Turnover Report: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/q3-2024-workforce-report-turnover.pdf>

Mental Health Workforce Reports

The HSE Strategic Workforce Planning and Intelligence Unit is responsible for producing monthly Employment reports for the Health Service. The following report is sourced from the health service personnel census and is updated on a monthly basis. The latest available published data is for February 2025 and can be found here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/mental-health-employment-report-february-2025.pdf>

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

Yours sincerely,

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