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Mr. Liam Quaide, T.D.,
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"To ask the Minister for Health for the primary care psychology staffing levels, by grade of psychologist, and per population size, served in each integrated health area of the South West Regional Health Area, as of March 1 2025".

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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.

See below table outlining staffing levels.

Population (2022 Census)	North Cork 99,617	North Lee 184,706	South Lee 235,766	West Cork 64,067	Kerry 156,458	WLI – Local & National
Principal Psychologist	1 WTE in post		1 WTE in post			
Senior Psychologist	0.85	0.8	1	1	1	2
Staff Grade Psychologist	2*	2.4*	5 (1 is adult post)	1	2	3
Psychology Assistance	2	2	5	1	2	2

*WTE is inclusive of both Child and Lifespan/Adult primary care psychology posts.

The figures provided are the funded WTE staffing levels from March 1st 2025, and do not reflect the actual available WTE, or approved and unfilled vacant WTE. Of note, as of April 2025, Psychology Assistant in North Lee is increased to 3 WTE.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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