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PQ 20084/25 To ask the Minister for Health the staffing shortfalls in audiology services by community health organisation and local health office, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

- Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (20084/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high-quality services to all eligible service users. In 2024, there were 56,256 patients seen by HSE Audiology services.

I have attached a breakdown of the Audiology national workforce wte report from December 2019 to March 2025 for your information which is the most up to date available. You will note that the overall whole-time equivalent has increased across primary care from 47 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) in December 2019 to 63 in March 2025.

Appendix 1 – Audiology National Workforce wte Report December 2019 to March 2025

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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General Manager
Primary Care Access & Integration

	DEC 2019	DEC 2019	DEC 2020	DEC 2020	DEC 2021	DEC 2021	DEC 2022	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2023	DEC 2024	DEC 2024	MAR 2025	MAR 2025
Grade by IHA by Health Region	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount
Audiological Scientist, Senior	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Health & Social Care Professionals	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4
Louth Meath	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4
Audiologist, Chief	2	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist, Senior	4	5	4	4	5	5	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Audiological Scientist	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Audiological Scientist, Senior	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1			1	1	1	1
Audiology, National Lead	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist	5	5	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3
Health & Social Care Professionals	15	17	15	16	13	15	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9
Dublin North City and West	15	17	15	16	13	15	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	9
HSE Dublin & North East	18	20	17	19	16	18	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	13
Audiologist, Chief							1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Audiologist, Senior							2	2						
Audiological Scientist							0	1			1	1	1	1
Audiological Scientist, Senior							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist							3	3	4	4	3	3	2	2
Health & Social Care Professionals							8	9	6	7	6	7	5	6
Kildare West Wicklow							8	9	6	7	6	7	5	6
Audiologist, Chief	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist, Senior			1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Health & Social Care Professionals	1	1	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2
Audiologist, Assistant					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Patient & Client Care					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Midlands	1	1	3	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	3	4	2	3
HSE Dublin & Midlands	1	1	3	3	4	5	12	14	9	11	9	11	7	9
Audiologist, Chief									1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist, Senior	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	4
Audiologist	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	6	6	6	6	6	6
Health & Social Care Professionals	3	3	6	6	7	7	6	7	9	10	9	10	10	11
Audiologist, Assistant	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Patient & Client Care	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Carlow Kilkenny and Tipperary South	4	4	7	7	8	8	8	10	12	13	12	13	13	14
Audiologist, Senior	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist			1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
Health & Social Care Professionals	1	1	2	2			2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
Waterford Wexford	1	1	2	2			2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2
HSE Dublin & South East	5	5	9	9	8	8	10	12	14	15	14	15	14	16

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Grade by IHA by Health Region	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount
Audiologist, Chief									1	1				
Audiologist, Senior	4	4	4	4	5	6	4	5	3	3	4	4	4	4
Audiologist	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5
Health & Social Care Professionals	7	7	8	8	9	10	9	11	8	9	8	9	8	9
Audiologist, Assistant	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Patient & Client Care	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Cork South and West	8	9	10	10	11	12	11	13	10	11	10	11	10	11
HSE South West	8	9	10	10	11	12	11	13	10	11	10	11	10	11
Audiologist, Senior	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3
Audiologist	3	3	4	4	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2
Health & Social Care Professionals	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5
Audiologist, Assistant							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Patient & Client Care							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clare and Limerick County	5	5	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	6
HSE Midwest	5	5	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	6	6	6
Audiologist, Senior	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	3
Audiological Scientist	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Audiologist	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Health & Social Care Professionals	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	6	7	5	6	5	6
Donegal	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	6	7	5	6	5	6
Audiologist, Chief	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist, Senior			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Audiology, Assistant National Lead							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Audiologist					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Health & Social Care Professionals	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4
Audiologist, Assistant	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Patient & Client Care	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mayo	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	4	5
Audiologist, Senior	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	3
Audiologist	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
Health & Social Care Professionals	4	4	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4
Audiologist, Assistant							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Patient & Client Care							1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Galway Roscommon	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5
HSE West & North West	11	12	12	13	14	15	15	16	15	17	14	16	14	16
	47	52	56	60	57	63	65	73	66	72	63	71	63	71