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To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels within Traveller Primary Healthcare Projects across each health region; and whether any additional staff or resources have been allocated since the publication of the national traveller health action plan.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The table below provides a breakdown of the staffing levels within the Primary Health Care for Traveller Projects (PHCTPs) per HSE Region as of the end of June 2025. Staffing levels include; Project Coordinators, Assistant Project Coordinators and Traveller Community Health Workers (mostly all of whom hold part-time positions).

HSE Region	Coordinators	Assistant Coordinators	Traveller Community Health Workers	Total
HSE Dublin and North East	9	2	100	111
HSE Dublin and Midlands	7	0	52	59
HSE Dublin and the South East	10	1	58	69
HSE South West	4	0	21	25
HSE Mid-West	5	0	51	56
HSE West and North West	9	1	67	77
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As the Deputy will be aware the National Traveller Health Action Plan (NTHAP) 2022-2027 was launched in November 2022 and has actions that include the development of former Community Health Organisations (CHOs) five year implementation plans and actions to strengthen PHCTPs.

Each CHO was offered a planning support grant of €20,000 to assist in developing its implementation plan and further funding of up to €200,000 once off was made available to be draw down towards implementation of prioritised actions within their plans from April '23 covering 18 months to two years in duration. A number of these plans included additional staff for the PHCTPs and are included within the table above.

Implementation of the NTHAP was further supported by an allocation of €1.3 million once off funding, including €300,000 allocated to support mental health actions in 2023. This funding (€1.3 million) was issued recurring in 2024 and supported the establishment of two new PHCTPs, one in Drogheda, Co. Louth and another in East Limerick. This included funding to employ additional staff in these projects and also supported additional Traveller Community Health Worker posts across the former CHO areas.

The €300,000 funding allocated to support implementation of the six mental health actions contained in NTHAP was allocated to fund additional Traveller Community Health Worker posts in PHCTPs with a specific focus on signposting to HSE mental health supports and community mental health supports.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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