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Deputy Sorca Clarke.
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Number: 32724/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a geographical breakdown of the 174 authorised officers currently appointed under the Mental Health Act 2001; 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 table below provides detail on the current number of authorised officers for each area as at 27th June 2025.

Area	No. of Delegated Authorised Officers
Former CHO1 area (covering Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan & Sligo) now part of RHA HSE West and North West	26
Former CHO 2 area (covering Galway, Roscommon, Mayo) now HSE West and North West	23
Former CHO 3 area (covering Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary) now HSE Mid West	13
Former CHO 4 area (covering Cork - Kerry) now HSE South West	18
Former CHO 5 area (covering Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford, Wexford) now part of RHA HSE Dublin and South East	15
Former CHO 6 area (covering Dublin South East and Wicklow East) now part of RHA HSE Dublin and South East	8
Former CHO 7 area (covering Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow) now part of RHA HSE Dublin and Midlands	28



Former CHO 8 area (Midlands Louth Meath) now part of RHA HSE Dublin and Midlands	22
Former CHO 9 area now HSE Dublin and North East	20

*Please note data above has been provided as per each of the former Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) Areas. Due to the HSE restructure, figures will be presented by Integrated Healthcare Areas going forward.

The HSE continues to organise 3-4 training courses per year, targeting training in areas with lower Authorised Officers per capita.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony McCusker
General Manager
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