

**Ceann Seirbhísí Daoine Scothaosta**

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Mr Seamus Healy, TD
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Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 34197/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE social workers in place in CHO5 older persons Services in 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Healy,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The table below outlines the position in relation to WTE social workers in the former CHO5 Older Persons Services:

Year	Service & Location	PQSW WTE	SSW/SWTL WTE	Total WTE
2023	Clonmel Community Nursing Unit (CNU)	-	-	-
2024			-	-
2025			.5 (currently in recruitment)	.5 (currently in recruitment)
2023	Thomastown CNU	-	-	-
2024			-	-
2025			.5 (currently in recruitment)	.5 (currently in recruitment)
2023	Integrated Care Programme Older Persons (ICPOP) /MASS Wexford	1 WTE ICPOP .5 WTE MASS	-	1.5
2024		1 WTE ICPOP .5 WTE MASS	-	1.5
2025		1 WTE ICPOP .5 WTE MASS	-	1.5
2023	WICPOP (Waterford)	1	-	1
2024		1	-	1
2025		1	-	1
2023	Carlow Kilkenny ICPOP	1 WTE Medical Social Worker staff grade	-	1

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2024		1 WTE Medical Social Worker staff grade	-	1
2025		1 WTE Medical Social Worker staff grade	-	1
2023	South Tipperary ICPOP	1 WTE Medical Social Worker staff grade	-	1
2024		1 WTE Medical Social Worker staff grade	-	1
2025		1 WTE Medical Social Worker staff grade	-	1

Note:

PQSW: Professionally Qualified Social Worker, SWTL: Social Work Team Leader, SSW: Senior Social Worker

I trust this clarifies. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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