



15 May 2025

Seán Ó Fearghaíl T.D
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 21799/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Chefs that are directly employed by HSE and working in each HSE Funded Hospital in the years of 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025.

Dear Deputy Ó Fearghaíl,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question in relation to staffing which was forwarded to the Health Services Executive (HSE) by the Department of Health for direct reply.

Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC) reports on direct employment in the provision of Health & Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 hospitals & agencies. Staff are reported on the basis of staff category and grade group. For the purposes of this PQ the relevant grade group is catering. HSPC details at the end of March 2025, show that there were 148,832 WTE (equating to 167,547 personnel) directly employed in the provision of our services and of which 2,740 WTE (equating to 3,191 personnel) were classified as catering. A total of 317 WTE (equating to 350 personnel) are reported as Chefs across our acute hospitals.

Details of Chefs WTE and headcount by acute hospital at December 2023, December 2024 and March 2025 as requested by the Deputy are set out in the attached table.

Workforce reports are available through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC), which is the official employment count for the public health service. The latest published information is routinely published [here](#).

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,

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General Manager (Interim)



Table 1

Chef WTE and headcount by hospital Mar 25

Chefs by Hospital : 2023, 2024 and YTD	WTE Dec 2023	HC Dec 2023	WTE Dec 2024	HC Dec 2024	WTE Mar 2025	HC Mar 2025
Total Chefs by HSE Hospitals	319	351	317	350	317	350
CHI at Crumlin	6	7	6	7	6	7
CHI at Temple Street	6	6	6	6	6	6
Coombe Hospital	8	9	8	9	8	9
MRH Mullingar	8	10	6	8	5	7
MRH Portlaoise	7	8	6	8	7	8
MRH Tullamore	5	5	4	4	4	5
Naas General	10	12	10	12	10	12
St. James's	4	4	6	6	6	6
St. Luke's Rathgar	10	10	10	10	7	7
Tallaght University	10	10	10	10	10	10
HSE Dublin & Midlands	74	81	73	80	69	77
Cavan General	5	7	5	6	5	6
Connolly	9	11	10	11	9	11
Louth County	4	5	5	5	4	5
Mater Misericordiae University	11	11	11	11	10	11
Our Lady of Lourdes	12	12	10	11	11	11
Our Lady's Navan	3	5	3	5	3	5
Rotunda	10	10	9	10	10	10
HSE Dublin & North East	54	61	53	59	53	59
National Maternity	12	12	12	12	11	12
National Rehabilitation	6	6	7	7	7	7
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear	3	4	3	4	3	4
St Luke's General Kilkenny	5	5	5	5	5	5
St. Columcille's	3	3	3	3	3	3
St. Michael's	1	1	4	4	4	4
St. Vincent's University	10	10	11	12	12	13
UH Waterford	5	6	6	6	6	6
Wexford General	4	5	3	4	4	5
HSE Dublin & South East	50	52	54	57	56	59
Croom Orthopaedic	3	3	3	3	3	3
Ennis	2	2	1	2	1	1
Nenagh	2	2	2	2	2	2
St. John's Limerick	5	6	5	6	5	6
UH Limerick	14	15	14	15	14	15
UMH Limerick	3	3	3	3	2	3
HSE Midwest	29	31	28	31	27	30
Bantry General	4	4	6	6	6	6
Cork University	20	24	20	22	20	22
Mallow General	3	3	2	2	2	2
Mercy University	18	21	18	21	17	20
South Infirmary Victoria University	4	4	4	4	3	4
UH Kerry	9	10	8	9	9	10
HSE South West	58	66	57	64	57	64
Galway University	7	7	7	7	7	7
Letterkenny University	18	20	18	20	17	20
Mayo University	1	1	1	1	1	1
Portluncula University	11	13	10	12	11	12
Roscommon University	7	8	6	7	6	8
Sligo University	11	11	12	12	12	13
HSE West & North West	54	60	54	59	54	61