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**PQ 25999/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent full-time speech and Language therapists hired by the HSE from 2019 to date in 2025, in tabular form. - Pádraig Rice**

**PQ 26000/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent speech and language therapists hired by the HSE on a part-time basis from 2019 to date in 2025, in tabular form. - Pádraig Rice**

**PQ 26001/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists hired by the HSE on a temporary basis from 2019 to date in 2025, in tabular form. - Pádraig Rice**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent parliamentary questions in relation to staffing which were 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 these PQ's the relevant grade group is Speech & Language Therapists. HSPC details at the end of April 2025, show that were 149,045 WTE (equating to 167,536 personnel) directly employed in the provision of our services and of which 1,269 WTE (equating to 1,467 personnel) were classified as Speech & Language Therapists.

However, the HSE does not centrally track all this recruitment activity centrally, it is undertaken by a variety of stakeholders across the organisation. Details of Speech & Language WTE and headcount by region in December 2019 and April 2025 as requested by the Deputy are set out in the attached table. These tables also show the increase per region in the time frame requested by the Deputy. During this time frame the overall WTE of Speech & Language Therapists increased by 166 WTE (equating to 190 personnel)

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](#).

The below tables relating to each PQ are taken from the Workforce Census and show the WTE, headcount and changes across each Region in the time period specified.

**PQ25999/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent full-time speech and language therapists hired by the HSE from 2019 to date in 2025, in tabular form.**

| Permanent Full Time Speech & Language Therapists | WTE Dec 2019 | WTE Apr 2025 | WTE increase<br>Dec 19 to Apr 25 | HC Dec 2019 | HC Apr 2025  | HC increase<br>Dec19 to Apr 25 |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| HSE Dublin & Midlands                            | 172          | 196          | +24                              | 184         | 211          | +27                            |
| HSE Dublin & North East                          | 178          | 217          | +39                              | 185         | 228          | +43                            |
| HSE Dublin & South East                          | 159          | 164          | +5                               | 170         | 177          | +7                             |
| HSE Midwest                                      | 41           | 72           | +31                              | 43          | 76           | +33                            |
| HSE South West                                   | 91           | 120          | +29                              | 100         | 128          | +28                            |
| HSE West & North West                            | 123          | 178          | +55                              | 132         | 189          | +57                            |
| HSE Centre                                       | 1            |              | -1                               | 1           |              | -1                             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                               | <b>765</b>   | <b>947</b>   | <b>+182</b>                      | <b>815</b>  | <b>1,009</b> | <b>+194</b>                    |

**PQ26000/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent speech and language therapists hired by the HSE on a part-time basis from 2019 to date in 2025, in tabular form.**

| Permanent Part Time Speech & Language Therapists | WTE Dec 2019 | WTE Apr 2025 | WTE increase<br>Dec 19 to Apr 25 | HC Dec 2019 | HC Apr 2025 | HC increase<br>Dec19 to Apr 25 |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| HSE Dublin & Midlands                            | 38           | 47           | +9                               | 61          | 73          | +12                            |
| HSE Dublin & North East                          | 55           | 56           | +1                               | 84          | 84          | 0                              |
| HSE Dublin & South East                          | 39           | 46           | +7                               | 60          | 72          | +12                            |
| HSE Midwest                                      | 12           | 20           | +8                               | 19          | 30          | +11                            |
| HSE South West                                   | 38           | 53           | +15                              | 53          | 74          | +21                            |
| HSE West & North West                            | 24           | 28           | +4                               | 36          | 43          | +7                             |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                               | <b>205</b>   | <b>250</b>   | <b>+45</b>                       | <b>313</b>  | <b>376</b>  | <b>+63</b>                     |

**PQ26001/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists hired by the HSE on a temporary basis from 2019 to date in 2025, in tabular form.**

| Temporary Contracted Speech & Language Therapists | WTE Dec 2019 | WTE Apr 2025 | WTE increase<br>Dec 19 to Apr 25 | HC Dec 2019 | HC Apr 2025 | HC increase<br>Dec19 to Apr 25 |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| HSE Dublin & Midlands                             | 31           | 15           | -16                              | 35          | 17          | -18                            |
| HSE Dublin & North East                           | 26           | 13           | -13                              | 30          | 14          | -16                            |
| HSE Dublin & South East                           | 13           | 12           | -2                               | 16          | 14          | -2                             |
| HSE Midwest                                       | 10           | 5            | -5                               | 11          | 6           | -5                             |
| HSE South West                                    | 31           | 21           | -10                              | 34          | 24          | -10                            |
| HSE West & North West                             | 20           | 7            | -14                              | 23          | 7           | -16                            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                | <b>133</b>   | <b>72</b>    | <b>-60</b>                       | <b>149</b>  | <b>82</b>   | <b>-67</b>                     |

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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