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Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

PQ 53610/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE environmental health officers employed by HSE based in CHO8 in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form.

I refer to your Parliamentary Question regarding the number of Whole-Time Equivalent (WTE) Environmental Health Officers employed by the HSE and based in the former CHO8 area in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025. The National Environmental Health Service (NEHS) operates on a national basis and is not managed or resourced at Community Healthcare Organization (CHO) level.

The WTE Environmental Health Officer grades (Basic/Senior/ Principal) assigned to the former CHO8 area at the requested dates are set out below:

	WTE Sep 2023	WTE Sep 2024	WTE Sep 2025
National Environmental Health Service EHO Grade Posts – former CHO8 area	54.58	55.34	55.27

Reported WTE figures may be temporarily affected by statutory leave such as parental, maternity and carer's leave, even where posts remain formally established.

Yours sincerely,

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