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Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 46776/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of dietitians recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form.

PQ 46777/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form

PQ 46778/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthoptists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form.

PQ 46779/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatrists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form.

PQ 46780/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of chiropodists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form.

PQ 46781/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of audiologists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form

PQ 46783/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of counsellors recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form.

PQ 46784/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of therapists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form.

PQ 46785/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form.

PQ 46786/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiographers recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form.

PQ 46787/25 : To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses recruited since 2019 that were 1.0 whole-time equivalent (WTE) and below, by year and WTE figure, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Rice,

I refer to your recent parliamentary questions above 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 group and grade group. For the purposes of these PQ's I have used a mix of staff groups and grade groups. HSPC details at the end of July 2025, show that were 149,099 WTE (equating to 170,181 personnel) directly employed in the provision of our services.

It may be useful for the Deputy to note that at this juncture the HSE does not currently have a central repository of all recruitment activity as recruitment is undertaken by a variety of stakeholders across the organisation. In an effort to answer the Deputy's questions, we have provided data from our Health Services personnel census that provides reports on the net movement in our employment levels over the period requested by the Deputy.

Table 2

Therapy professions Staff Group WTE Dec 2019 to latest (Jul 2025)