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PQ 48156/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the grade and service location of primary care and secondary mental health posts, within each health region, in occupational therapy, social work, psychology, physiotherapy and speech and language therapy which were vacated in 2023 and 2024 that have yet been submitted for replacement and which have not yet received stage 3 approval, in tabular form. -Liam Quaide

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

Staffing details by staff group and service are available through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC), which is the official employment count for the public health sector and routinely published [here](#). Information on vacancies across acute and community services is not routinely collected at a national level in the manner sought so cannot be provided. Outlined in the tables below are the WTE staffing for the specified grades by Health Region at the end of each year from 2022 to 2024, in both Primary Care and Mental Health.

Primary Care by Health Region: Dec 2023, Dec 2024, Dec 2025	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024
Total	2,151	2,238	2,247
Occupational Therapists	126	127	131
Physiotherapists	123	126	130
Psychologists	100	109	117
Social Workers	49	51	66
Speech & Language Therapists	125	117	106
HSE Dublin & North East	522	529	550
Occupational Therapists	119	121	111
Physiotherapists	127	134	126
Psychologists	52	67	71
Social Workers	41	46	45
Speech & Language Therapists	91	91	81
HSE Dublin & Midlands	430	459	434

Occupational Therapists	115	122	120
Physiotherapists	119	134	128
Psychologists	50	66	81
Social Workers	16	13	11
Speech & Language Therapists	106	119	106
HSE Dublin & South East	407	455	445
Occupational Therapists	27	20	20
Physiotherapists	39	28	32
Psychologists	23	26	17
Social Workers	28	33	37
Speech & Language Therapists	26	13	11
HSE South West	144	120	117
Occupational Therapists	46	54	64
Physiotherapists	49	62	67
Psychologists	14	33	43
Social Workers	12	11	20
Speech & Language Therapists	47	52	44
HSE Midwest	169	212	238
Occupational Therapists	124	111	109
Physiotherapists	144	156	157
Psychologists	51	44	47
Social Workers	36	36	44
Speech & Language Therapists	120	109	100
HSE West & North West	474	457	457
Psychologists	1	1	1
Social Workers	4	5	4
HSE Centre	5	6	5

Mental Health by Health Region: Dec 2023, Dec 2024, Dec 2025	DEC 2022	DEC 2023	DEC 2024
Total	1,278	1,317	1,253
Occupational Therapists	73	68	55
Physiotherapists	1	0	0
Psychologists	86	93	87
Social Workers	97	97	92
Speech & Language Therapists	13	10	11
HSE Dublin & North East	270	269	245
Occupational Therapists	53	56	52
Psychologists	50	53	49
Social Workers	62	68	64
Speech & Language Therapists	15	16	16
HSE Dublin & Midlands	180	193	181
Occupational Therapists	58	55	56
Physiotherapists	2	1	1
Psychologists	65	76	75
Social Workers	65	71	68
Speech & Language Therapists	14	13	14
HSE Dublin & South East	203	216	213
Occupational Therapists	63	73	70
Psychologists	96	98	97
Social Workers	73	74	67
Speech & Language Therapists	13	13	12
HSE South West	244	258	247
Occupational Therapists	25	24	24
Psychologists	93	91	85
Social Workers	28	26	25
Speech & Language Therapists	5	6	5
HSE Midwest	151	146	138
Occupational Therapists	65	67	62

Psychologists	52	52	49
Social Workers	78	81	86
Speech & Language Therapists	8	7	6
HSE West & North West	204	207	203
Occupational Therapists	10	10	9
Psychologists	5	4	2
Social Workers	11	14	14
HSE Centre	26	28	25

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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