



19th April 2024

Deputy Sorca Clarke
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 13673/24 -To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff members who are on maternity leave, paternity leave and parental leave, expected to last longer than 4 weeks, per CDNT, in tabular form; and the action that is being taken by these teams to ensure established needs of children are met..

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

All the information requested is not available as various employers provide this service. However, information is available re Maternity Leave. Please see below table outlining the number of staff in CDNTs by CHO on Maternity Leave as of 29th February 2024:

No. of Staff	CHO 1	CHO 2	CHO 3	CHO 4	CHO 5	CHO 6	CHO 7	CHO 8	CHO 9	Total
WTE on Maternity leave	3.00	12.30	4.00	16.30	9.00	7.00	15.90	14.80	16.80	99.10

In 2023, the HSE prioritised CDNTs for all HSCP recruitment including employees in Section 38 & 39s. In January 2024, the HSE undertook a targeted recruitment campaign specifically for CDNT's which is ongoing. In addition, the HSE is progressing overseas recruitment options.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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