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To ask the Minister for Health the proposed staffing levels of a supervised injection facility; and the number WTE of each clinician and staff member required. -Thomas Gould

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been advised to reply directly to you in response to the above parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for your response.

By way of background it is important to note that the Medically Supervised Injecting Facility (MSIF) is operating as a pilot programme for 18 months. Following a tendering process and an extensive planning application process, the service will be provided by Merchants Quay Ireland (MQI) in their Riverbank facility. The operation and impacts of the development will be monitored by an oversight committee and evaluated after 6 and 18 months, following which recommendations may be made and potentially changes implemented accordingly. Therefore, the below information is an estimate of staff required only, and may change as the pilot progresses to match service need, to ensure the most suitable care for the service user. It is important to note that these WTEs will not be taken from the HSE staff complement but are an estimate by MQI of the staff required to operate the service.

Considering the above information, it has been estimated that the full year staff allocation will be as follows:

WTE	Post Description
0.5	Medical General Practitioner
1.46	Clinical Nurse Manager
2.88	Registered Nurse
0.2	Deputy Head of Clinical Operations (Clinical Nurse Manager)
0.2	Head of Clinical Operations
0.2	Harm Reduction Co-Ordinator
1	Community Liaison Officer
8.8	Project Worker
2.92	Security Staff
2.88	Reception Staff
21.04	Total WTE

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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