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To ask the Minister for Health the number of palliative care teams and staff members in CHO5 at present and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position:

There are currently 4 community teams in Palliative Care in CHO5, with WTE's approved of 33.9. Of this number there are 5.7 WTE vacancies, with agency staff filling these vacancies as required.

The IPU and Day Services have 71.1 WTE approved posts, of this there are 6 vacancies with agency staff filling 3 of the vacancies. 2 vacancies which are unfilled include 1 WTE Senior Physiotherapist and 1 WTE CNM1. A vacant Consultant post (included in the 71.1 WTE) is currently being filled by a Locum Consultant.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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