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Mr. Duncan Smith T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 1204/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE addiction counsellors employed by the HSE in CHO8 in 2023.

Dear Deputy Smith,

Thank you for your query. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted. In preparing this response your Parliamentary Question has been discussed with the relevant Managers. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The current number of WTE Addiction Counsellors employed by the HSE in CHO8 in 2023 are as per the below, broken down into the Under 18 and the Over 18 Services.

Under 18 Services CHO8

1.0 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Addiction Counsellor in Louth/Meath
1.0 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Addiction Counsellor in the Midlands

Over 18 Services in CHO8

5.0 Whole Time Equivalent Addiction Counsellors in Louth/Meath for Drug Addiction only
3.0 Whole Time Equivalent Addiction Counsellors in Louth/Meath for Alcohol Addiction only in MH Services (all MH posts are currently vacant)
8.6 Whole Time Equivalent Addiction Counsellors in Midlands for Drug and Alcohol Addiction (There are currently 5.2 Whole Time Equivalent vacant posts).

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Ruane
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