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PQ 26418/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurse posts in each LHO, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Shortall

I refer to your recent parliamentary questions in relation to therapy staffing which was forwarded to the Health Services Executive (HSE) by the Department of Health for direct reply.

Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC) reports on direct employment in the provision of Health & Social Care Services by the HSE and the various Section 38 hospitals & agencies based on the staffing grade and category and organisational structure. Local Health Office has not been a feature of our organisational structure for some years and, with this in mind, this response shows the staffing numbers by Community Healthcare Area (CHO). HSPC details at the end of May show that there were 1,401 WTE (equating to 1,759 personnel) Public Health Nurses directly employed in the provision of our services. The Deputy will be interested to note that for Primary Care Services the overall number of Nurses & Midwives (*including Public Health Nurses*) stands at 3,857 WTE (4,722 personnel).

Details as in tabular form as requested by the Deputy are as follows:

Public Health Nurses by CHO: May 2024	WTE May 24	No. May 24
Public Health Nurse	1,401	1,759
CHO 1	149	177
CHO 2	183	219
CHO 3	115	147
CHO 4	195	267
CHO 5	155	195
CHO 6	91	110
CHO 7	143	184
CHO 8	205	256
CHO 9	164	200
National & Central Services	3	4

Primary Care Nursing & Midwifery by CHO: May 2024	WTE May 24	No. May 24
Primary Care Nursing & Midwifery <i>(including Public Health Nurses)</i>	3,857	4,722
CHO 1	436	511
CHO 2	442	516
CHO 3	336	426
CHO 4	593	778
CHO 5	371	455
CHO 6	220	268
CHO 7	527	631
CHO 8	432	540
CHO 9	494	589
other Community Services	7	8

Source: Health Service Personnel Census

Note¹: Health Sector staffing figures relate to direct employment levels as returned through the Health Service Personnel Census (HSPC) for the public health sector (HSE & Section 38 agencies)

Note²: Figures relating to service levels are expressed as whole-time equivalents (WTE) in order to take account of part-time working.

Workforce reports are available through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC), which is the official employment count for the public health service. The latest published information is routinely published [here](#).

I trust that this information is sufficient to meet the Deputy's needs.

Yours sincerely,



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