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Deputy Emer Higgins

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PQ 11543/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and psychologists employed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Higgins,

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

The Deputy will be interested to note that, employment levels at the end of February 2024, show there were 147,968 WTE (equating to 166,981 personnel) directly employed in the provision of Health & Social Care Services and of which 6,954 WTE (7,905 personnel) were in the occupations referred to by the Deputy.

Details for each of the professions requested are set out as follows:

Health & Social Care Profession	WTE FEB 2024	No. FEB 2024
Occupational Therapists	2,039	2,289
Physiotherapists	2,389	2,737
Speech & Language Therapists	1,272	1,473
Psychologists	1,254	1,406

Note ¹: 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) and calculated to 2 decimals 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Des Williams', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Des Williams

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