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PQ 44042/24: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of staff employed in the health service between 2011 (June) and 2024 (June) inclusive, in tabular form.

PQ 44043/24: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nurses and midwives employed in the health service between 2011 (June) and 2024 (June) inclusive, in tabular form.

PQ 44044/24: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of HSCPs employed in the health service between 2011 (June) and 2024 (June) inclusive, in tabular form.

PQ 44045/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants employed in the health service between 2011 (June) and 2024 (June) inclusive, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

I refer to your recent parliamentary questions 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 at the end of June 2024, employment levels show there were 148,256 WTE (equating to 166,675 personnel) directly employed in the provision of Health & Social Care Services by the HSE and Section 38 hospitals & agencies.

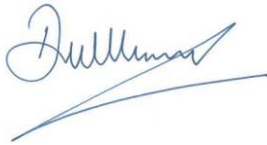
Details as requested in tabular form for June 2011 to June 2024 by the current staff categories are set out in attached. It is important to point out that staffing figures are not directly comparable, particularly over extended periods, due not only to changes in demography and activity levels but also to changes in the configuration of our services. For example, the Health Service includes some additional section 38 organisations and subsumed some 39

organisations, on one hand, and conversely Tusla (*formerly the Child & Family Agency*) is now under the aegis of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration but included in reporting up to December 2013.

Workforce reports are available through the Health Services Personnel Census (HSPC), which is the official employment count for the public health service. The latest available employment 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.

Des Williams

General Manager

Health Service Staffing by Staff Category: June 2011 – June 2024

Staff Category	Jun 2011	Jun 2012	Jun 2013	Jun 2014	Jun 2015	Jun 2016	Jun 2017	Jun 2018	Jun 2019	Jun 2020	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	Jun 2023	Jun 2024
TOTAL	109,501	106,465	105,005	101,658	105,008	109,162	112,123	116,091	119,400	124,352	130,164	134,833	141,397	148,256
Medical & Dental	8,054	8,242	8,289	8,320	8,978	9,388	9,749	10,147	10,447	11,976	11,791	12,212	12,906	13,928
<i>of which: Consultants</i>	<i>2,437</i>	<i>2,465</i>	<i>2,519</i>	<i>2,587</i>	<i>2,669</i>	<i>2,768</i>	<i>2,883</i>	<i>3,001</i>	<i>3,131</i>	<i>3,382</i>	<i>3,495</i>	<i>3,670</i>	<i>3,988</i>	<i>4,411</i>
Nursing & Midwifery	36,509	34,980	34,742	34,492	34,977	35,788	36,467	37,444	38,229	39,783	41,274	42,545	44,766	47,818
Health & Social Care Professionals	16,282	15,916	15,883	13,429	13,942	15,029	15,566	16,140	16,656	17,316	18,530	19,057	20,002	20,978
Management & Administrative	16,182	15,802	15,670	15,057	15,606	16,475	17,302	18,004	18,866	19,169	20,906	22,244	24,510	25,268
General Support	10,770	10,137	9,861	9,499	9,463	9,481	9,449	9,513	9,541	9,914	10,045	10,174	10,332	10,212
Patient & Client Care	21,704	21,387	20,561	20,862	22,042	23,001	23,590	24,844	25,661	26,194	27,618	28,600	28,881	30,051

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 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

Note³: Some grades have been recategorised over the period shown.