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PQ 43622/24: To ask the Minister for Health the total number of staff working in the health service in June each year from 2016 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 43625/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses working in the health service in June each year from 2016 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 43630/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of health and social care professionals working in the health service in June each year from 2016 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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. The Deputy will be interested to note that this figure represents a 35.8% increase in staffing levels over the period covered by this enquiry.

Details as requested, in tabular form for June 2016 to June 2024 for each staff category (*including those specified by the Deputy*) are as follows:

Health Services Staffing by Staff Category (June 2016-June 2024):

Staff Category	WTE JUN 2016	WTE JUN 2017	WTE JUN 2018	WTE JUN 2019	WTE JUN 2020	WTE JUN 2021	WTE JUN 2022	WTE JUN 2023	WTE JUN 2024
Total	109,161	112,118	116,079	119,393	124,348	130,165	134,831	141,397	148,256
Medical & Dental	9,388	9,748	10,147	10,446	11,975	11,791	12,212	12,906	13,928
Nursing & Midwifery	35,786	36,465	37,446	38,230	39,784	41,274	42,545	44,766	47,818
Health & Social Care Professionals	15,030	15,568	16,132	16,655	17,309	18,531	19,057	20,002	20,978
Management & Administrative	16,474	17,300	18,011	18,867	19,175	20,906	22,243	24,510	25,268
General Support	9,504	9,453	9,404	9,540	9,810	10,045	10,173	10,332	10,212
Patient & Client Care	22,978	23,583	24,938	25,654	26,295	27,618	28,600	28,881	30,051

Source: Health Service Personnel Census

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 agencies)

Note 2: 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 available employment information is routinely published [here](#).

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

Yours sincerely,



Des Williams

General Manager