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PQ 43641/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of advanced nurse practitioners employed each year (June) 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 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 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 and of which 720 WTE (750 personnel) were Advanced Nurse/ Midwife Practitioners. The Deputy will be interested to note that this figure represents a 164% increase in reported staffing over the period covered by this enquiry. However, I should point out that a small proportion of this is likely attributable to better reporting as some staff were reported on their pay grade e.g. Assistant Director of Nursing.

Details as requested, in tabular form for June 2016 to June 2024 for each grade Advanced Nurse/ Midwife Practitioners (together with candidate grades, which were introduced to track staff in education / training) are as set out in the following table:

Advanced Nurse/ Midwife Practitioners Staffing by Grade (June 2016-June 2024):

Advanced Nurse/ Midwife Practitioner / Candidate Grades	Jun 2016	Jun 2017	Jun 2018	Jun 2019	Jun 2020	Jun 2021	Jun 2022	Jun 2023	Jun 2024	Sep 2024
Advanced Midwife Practitioner	3	4	7	8	11	12	13	13	22	22
Advanced Nurse Practitioner (Children's)	8	12	8	9	10	14	12	23	27	33
Advanced Nurse Practitioner (Community/Primary Care)					2	6	6	20	26	27
Advanced Nurse Practitioner (General)	122	158	189	213	285	364	392	488	573	597
Advanced Nurse Practitioner (Intellectual Disability)	1	1	2	2	2	3	5	4	5	5
Advanced Nurse Practitioner (Mental Health)	5	7	9	16	28	32	41	51	66	70
Advanced Nurse/ Midwife Practitioner	140	181	215	249	338	431	469	600	720	754
Advanced Midwife Practitioner, Candidate						7	8	16	14	13
Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Candidate (Children's)						2	4	19	19	13
Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Candidate (Community/Primary Care)						3	3	27	24	24
Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Candidate (General)	6	9	57	114	99	127	167	288	356	346
Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Candidate (Intellectual Disability)						2	1	5	4	5
Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Candidate (Mental Health)				4	2	5	10	22	23	19
Advanced Nurse/ Midwife Practitioner, Candidate	6	9	57	118	102	146	192	377	439	420

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,



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General Manager