

5th February, 2025

Mr. Pa Daly, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 1887/25

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists, per grade and per LHO; the population size they serve, employed in the CHO4 primary care child and adolescent psychology services, in tabular form"

Dear Deputy Daly,

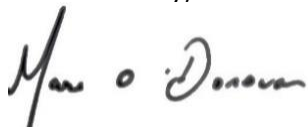
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The table below outlines the number of Psychology Staff for children and adolescents in Cork Kerry Primary Care Services, including the funded WTE and the current number of vacancies as at 20th January, 2025 and the population for each LHO area as per the 2022 Census. There are 2 funded Principal Psychologist posts across the CHO and both are currently filled.

Population (2022 Census)	North Lee 184,706		North Cork 99,617		South Lee 235,766		West Cork 64,067		Kerry 156,458		WLI – Local & National	
	Funded	Vacant	Funded	Vacant	Funded	Vacant	Funded	Vacant	Funded	Vacant	Funded	Vacant
WTE												
Snr Psychologist	1	0.2	0.85	0.15	1	0.17	1	0	1	0	2	0
Staff Grade Psychologist	3	1.8 (1 on stat leave)	2	0.2	4	2	1	0	2	1	2	1.5
Psychology Assistance	1	1	2	2	5	5 (2 at advanced stage of recruitment)	1	0	2	0.4	2	2

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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