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PQ Number: 54675/21

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of Authorised Officers in each CHO nationwide in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The tables below provide the breakdown of Authorised Officers per CHO. Table 1 provides information to date for 2021 and table 2 includes data for 2019. Please be advised data was not collected in 2020 due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Table 1

2021	
Area	Delegated Authorised Officers
CHO 1	14
CHO 2	23
CHO 3	14
CHO 4	11
CHO 5	16
CHO 6	8
CHO 7	11
CHO 8	14
CHO 9	12
Central Mental Hospital	3
Total	126



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Table 2

2019	
CHO Area	Delegated Authorised Officers
CHO 1	16
CHO 2	25
CHO 3	14
CHO 4	16
CHO 5	16
CHO 6	11
CHO 7	25
CHO 8	16
CHO 9	17
Central Mental Hospital	3
Total	159

Currently, there is a capacity review of Authorised Officer's across the CHO's. We want to make sure that there are sufficient numbers and regional availability of Authorised Officers to meet the Service needs. Based on the findings of this review, it may be necessary to recruit and train additional Authorised officers.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Ryan
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