

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2019**

Question

Will the Minister provide details of the units of accommodation either leased or owned by his Department and let to health staff, including –

- (a) the grade of staff occupying these units (e.g. nurse including grade, doctor including grade);
- (b) whether such staff are employed as a locum or on a permanent contract; and
- (c) how the length of any tenancy agreements and rental values are determined?

Answer

The units and types of accommodation either leased or owned are as follows:

Owned units:		Leased units:		Total :	
Type	Quantity	Type	Quantity	Type	Quantity
Rooms	63	Rooms	67	Rooms	130
Studio	22	Studio	25	Studio	47
1 bed	5	1 bed	3	1 bed	8
2 bed	12	2 bed	21	2 bed	33
3 bed	17	3 bed	2	3 bed	19
Total:	119	Total:	118	Total:	237

a) &b) Grade of staff and type of contract:

Type of staff	Type of contracts	Total number
Nursing		
Agency Nurses	Agency contract	39
Nurses, includes staff nurses, nurse specialists, sister	Permanent	17
Midwifery		
Midwives	Permanent	<5
Dental Nurses		
	Permanent	<5
Medical Staff		
Consultants	Locum	12
Registrars, staff grades, Associate specialist	Locum	10
Clinical Fellows	Fixed Term	8
GP trainees	Fixed Term	<5
Foundation Doctors Y1 & Y2	Fixed Term	26
Medical Students	Placement	9

Allied Health Professionals		
Clinical Psychology	Permanent	<5
Physiotherapy	Permanent	<5
Occupational Therapy	Locum	<5
Paramedics	Fixed Term/Locum	<5
Radiographer	Permanent	<5
Radiographer/sonographer	Locum	<5
Pharmacy technicians	Permanent	<5
Pharmacy Dispensers	Locum	<5
Biomedical Scientist	Locum	<5
Biomedical Scientist	Permanent	<5
Mortuary Technician	Locum	<5
Social Work		
Children's Social Workers	Locum	22
Team Manager Children's Services	Locum	<5
Adult Social Workers – Mental Health	Locum	6
Other		
Health and Safety	Agency	<5
Chaplain	Permanent	<5

- c) Tenancy arrangements vary dependent on operational need and demand, particularly in the case of temporary staff such as those on locum or agency contracts.

In the case of staff employed on a fixed-term basis, the tenancy matches the duration of the contract.

For medical students on placement, the length of tenancy is agreed with the university.

In the case of staff permanently appointed, leases are renewed on a 6-monthly basis. Extension to the lease is made on a case by case basis, dependent on individual circumstances.

Rental charges are determined by the landlord/owner of the property and reviewed on an annual basis.