WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BY DEPUTY M.B. ANDREWS OF ST. HELIER NORTH QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2022 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2022

Question

"Will the Minister provide the number of locum staff recruited within Health and Community Services each year since 2017?"

Answer

Locum Staff

Please see below the number of locum (medical) staff <u>recruited</u> within Health and Community Services by year since 2017:

Year	Total
2017	59
2018	103
2019	92
2020	81
2021	123
2022 (as of 31st October 2022)	153

Please note that locums are used to cover vacancies, annual leave and sickness absence. It is also worth noting that more than one locum may be used to cover the duration of the absence.

Agency Nurses and AHPs

The data shown below is the number of agency (nurses and Allied Health Professional) staff **<u>used</u>** within Health and Community Services for the requested years.

Year	Nurses	AHP
2017	73	116
2018	85	113
2019	83	68*
2020	127	57
2021	109	62
2022	131	75

*The reduction in numbers of AHP agency staff between 2018 and 2019 is due to Children's Services moving out of HCS and over to CYPES.

It is worth noting that agency staff are used to cover vacancies, but more than one agency worker may be used to cover the duration of the vacancy.