

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2020**

Question

Further to the response to Oral Question 154/2020, will the Minister provide a breakdown of the positions employed in the Department of Health and Community Services, indicating which posts, if any, are currently unfilled and how long any such posts have been empty?

Answer

Health and Community Services employs 2,104 people within the categories of healthcare and social care workers. A further 53 employees are within children's social care. These figures do not include General Practitioners, bank nurses, locums or agency workers.

Allied Health Professionals	410
Doctors	299
Nurses & Health Care Assistants	1035
Non-Clinical Support Staff	360

Total **2,104**

As at 30th June 2020, there were 170.1 (FTE) (7.8%) vacancies within Health and Community Services. Information about the length of time vacancies are open is currently being developed.

The breakdown of current vacancies by professional areas is:

Allied Health Professionals	36
Doctors	27
Nurses & Health Care Assistants	78
Non-Clinical Support Staff	29

Total **170**

Recruitment for HCS vacancies during the Covid-19 period has been challenging. Work is ongoing to forward-plan recruitment needs, refresh recruitment plans and prepare the campaign for filling HCS vacancies which is likely to go live in September.