

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2025**

Question

“Further to the response to [Written Question 37/2025](#), will the Minister state –

- (a) the number of social workers who are employed as locums or agency staff; and
- (b) the number of social workers who are employed full-time, part-time and fixed-term equivalents?”

Answer

In Adult Social Care there is one locum senior social worker, covering a vacancy in safeguarding whilst recruitment takes place.

In Mental Health there is one locum social worker who finishes in the next couple of weeks.

There are no locum or agency staff in Community care.

In Children’s Social Care there are 35 Social Workers employed via agencies. These are included in the total in the below table.

| Team | Current Employed Social Workers | Vacancies | Full-Time | Part-Time | Fixed-Term Equivalents | Comments |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Children’s Services | 86 | 44 (35+9) | 47 | 3 | 1 | 35 of the vacancies are covered by contingent workers with 9 remaining unfilled |
| Adult Social Care | 13.8 | 1 | 12.8 | 2 | 0 | |
| Safeguarding Adults | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| Capacity and Liberty Assessment | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| Hospital Social Work | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Adult Mental Health Services | 16 | 1 | 16 | 0 | 0 | Two vacancies filled since 17/02/2025 |
| Total | 125.8 | 13 | | | | |