



3rd of May 2022

Deputy Sorca Clarke, TD
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re PQ: 19330/22

To ask the Minister for Health if all staff have been redeployed back to regional drug and alcohol taskforces; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following table outlines the position:


Area	No. of staff redeployed	Length of Redeployment	Other Information
CHO 1	0	-	Provided support to their social Inclusion colleagues while maintaining their duties and responsibilities to the Drug & Alcohol Task Force during the first lock down in March 2021
CHO 2	3	All Returned	Two staff for one month and one for six months.
CHO 3	0	-	-
CHO 4	12	All Returned	12 core Task Force staff were redeployed from the Cork/Kerry Task Forces to support COVID-19 response
CHO 5	1	Less than 6-9 months	-
CHO 6 & 7	1	Less than 6-9 months	Returned to post in Q4 2020
CHO 8	1	To return at the end of June 2022.	The MRDATF Clerical Worker was the only worker redeployed to COVID-19 related duties in Q4 2020. They will be returning to office from redeployment at the end of June 2022.
CHO 9	6	Less than 6 months	6 people employed by the NDRDATF were redeployed during wave 1



From the above, you will note that all staff, with the exception of one staff member in CHO 8, who is due to return at the end of June 2022, have been returned from redeployment to the Regional Drug & Alcohol Taskforces.

Should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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