

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2015**

**Question**

Over the last 12 months how many members of staff were employed by the Health and Social Services Department on a temporary basis or stayed for less than a year and in what capacity were they employed?

**Answer**

113 staff (4.7% of the workforce) were employed on temporary contracts. The majority of these (37%) were civil servants (therapists, social workers, scientists, admin staff), junior doctors (32%) or nursing staff (15%).

Of these staff, 35 left after less than 1 year – the majority were junior doctors (24) rotating back to the UK as part of their planned training. Civil servants accounted for 7 of these staff.

In terms of permanent staff, 24 stayed for less than a year, mainly in nursing (10) and civil service (10) pay groups.