

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**Question**

“With reference to [Written Question 4/2022](#) and the figures detailed in a Freedom of Information response on 6th January 2022 entitled [Health and Community Services \(H.C.S.\) staffing](#), will the Minister explain the reason for the difference in the figures provided, and in light of the difference identified, provide a breakdown of the following in respect of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy staff for the period 1st January 2021 to the end of November 2021 –

- (a) the number transferring to other areas in H.C.S.;
- (b) the number on short-term contracts who left before the end of their contract;
- (c) the number in Occupational Therapy who resigned;
- (d) the number in Physiotherapy who resigned;
- (e) the number of administrative staff in Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy who resigned;
- (f) the number who retired from these areas; and
- (g) the number of staff who left for any other reason, with details of such reason?”

**Answer**

Unfortunately, part of the answer provided in the FOI response was incorrect. I apologise for this. The response is currently being revised to address this and details are below.

In relation to Q5 in the FOI:

5. How many OT's and Physiotherapist Nurses and Social workers have resigned from employment in HCS in 2021, to 1st November 2021?

We published the following answer:

“Between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 **24** OT staff and Physiotherapist staff have resigned. “

It was a complex, multi-part FOI and it appears that during the writing of the response, data was entered incorrectly – in this case, a “2” was typed into the response instead of a “1” and the answer did not include the reference to social workers.

The data shows that between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, 14 OTs, Physiotherapists and Social Workers resigned. Of these, 7 were OTs and Physiotherapists.

It is important to note that these numbers refer to **registered staff** in these professional groups.

The FOI will be reissued to reflect the correct numbers.

I can confirm that the figures previously included in my answer to WQ4/2022 were correct. This showed 7 resignations from registered OTs and Physiotherapists between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and 30 November 2021.

The answer is republished below and refers to **all staff** working in these areas, not only registered professionals:

- (a) 2 Physiotherapists moved internally within the Physiotherapy service
  - 3 Occupational therapists moved internally within the Occupational Therapy Service
  - 2 Occupational Therapy assistants moved to other clinical areas within HCS
- (b) 1 locum physiotherapist – released from contract due to performance concerns
- (c) 1 Occupational Therapist resigned – returned to the UK to be with family due to the pandemic
  - 1 Team Lead left to work in private practice in Jersey
- (d) 1 Physiotherapist resigned and left the profession
  - 3 physiotherapy assistants resigned – 1 to undertake a Physiotherapy degree off-island; 2 no reason given
- (e) 1 admin/typist in physiotherapy resigned – no reason given
- (f) 1 Assistive Technology Technician in Occupational Therapy retired
- (g) There were no other staff who left for reasons other than those mentioned in a) to f)