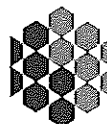


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*Dear Robin*

I refer to your written Assembly Question (AQW 29197/11-15) asking me to detail the number of social workers employed by, or based in, each acute hospital, and I advise you of an amendment to my original reply. It has come to my attention that the figure originally given by the Belfast HSC Trust for social workers at the Belfast City Hospital (2, with a whole-time equivalent of 2.0) was incorrect. The Trust has revised this figure to 26, with a whole-time equivalent of 23.8.

I trust this information is helpful, and apologise for any inconvenience the error may have caused. I have copied this letter to the Assembly Library Services for their information.

**Edwin Poots MLA**  
**Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety**

DATE FOR ANSWER:

23 DECEMBER 2013

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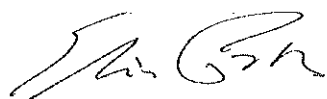
**Robin Swann (North Antrim)** To ask the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety to detail the number of social workers employed by, or based in, each acute hospital.

**Edwin Poots**

The numbers (headcount and whole-time equivalent [WTE]) of hospital social workers based in each acute hospital are shown in the table below.

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Headcount</u>	<u>WTE</u>
Altnagelvin	16	13.65
Antrim	15	12.75
Belfast City Hospital	26	23.80
Causeway	8	7.06
Craigavon Area	16	14.16
Daisy Hill	12	10.08
Downe	3	2.00
Lagan Valley	4	3.00
Mater	30	28.76
Musgrave Park	10	7.71
Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children	10	8.93
Royal Jubilee Maternity	1	1.00
Royal Victoria	32	28.75
South West Acute	3	2.60
Ulster	23	18.00

Source: HSC Trusts



Date: 17/1/2014

Signed and approved by the Minister for Health Social Services and Public Safety