

To All Staff

Urgent Request for Volunteers to Support DEASP with the Processing of Claims in the Cork Region

Our Office will play an important role in ensuring essential services continue to be provided and it is important to remember that the Civil and Public service are providing services that people rely on. It will take a big effort from all public sector employees in the coming weeks to ensure these obligations are met.

Considering recent Government decisions and closures of businesses due to the ongoing Covid 19 there has been a large increase in demands on the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. The number of unemployment claims is expected to increase by at least 100,000 this week.

The DEASP has requested the CSO to make available up to 60 staff initially in Cork to assist with managing this demand. The CSO has agreed to this and are seeking volunteers from all grades to support the DEASP and their colleagues to continue to meet the exceptional demands currently being placed upon them.

We are still awaiting confirmation from DEASP as to working arrangements for staff. We will advise of details as soon as we have them to hand. Presently, we are seeking to establish a volunteer pool for Cork. It is anticipated that there may be further requirements for staff in Cork and from our other Offices.

If you are interested in volunteering please email personnel@csso.ie before noon on Thursday 19 March.

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