



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

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**PQ 13505/20** \* *To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional ICU nurses employed in each hospital group between March and June 2020, in tabular form.*

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

As the information which you requested is not routinely collated, the Hospital Groups were asked to provide the necessary information which is provided as follows:-.

- **University of Limerick Hospital Group:-** The following nursing staff were added to the ICU staffing in University Hospital Limerick between the 1st March and the 30th June 2020.
  - 18.6 WTE new posts
  - 57.4 WTE redeployed nurses from other disciplines'
- **Children's Health Ireland:-** There were no additional ICU nurses in Paediatrics for this period although some of our ICU nurses offered their assistance to the adult services.
- **RCSI Hospital Group:** - There have been 12 new ICU nursing posts recruited within the time period requested.
- **Dublin Midlands Hospital Group:-** Number of additional ICU nurses employed - 92.5 nurses

## Ireland East Hospital Group

The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	There were no additional ICU nurses employed by MMUH between March and June 2020. Some twenty-seven (27) existing nursing staff were upskilled and redeployed; eighteen (18) of them to ICU and the remaining nine (9) to HDU (High Dependency Unit) for the period in question.	
St Vincent's University Hospital	<p>March to June 2020- new employees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.45 WTE took up positions in ICU including 1.45 WTE Prepare Campaign</li> </ul> <p>March to June 2020- additional nursing hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15.77 WTE were redeployed from other services to work in ICU</li> <li>• 1.65 WTE returned from a career break</li> <li>• 2.24 WTE increase of present ICU Nurses hours of service</li> </ul>	
Regional Hospital Mullingar	There was one additional permanent appointment in ICU at RHM on June 1st 2020 & also a temporary ICU Covid-19 ICU contract due to expire week commencing 29th June 2020.	
St Luke's General Hospital	Four additional ICU nurses were employed between March and June 2020.	
Wexford General Hospital	Additional Staff Redeployed in for COVID	22 RN's = 19.4 WTE
	Current staff in ICU including 5 extra RN's ( 2x COVID Contracts and 3x from other wards)	23.3 WTE
	Projected staff in ICU (this excludes staff on current redeployment, excludes 1 COVID Contract, excludes 1 long term sick leave, excludes 1 RN to Research but includes 6 new staff and 1 extended COVID contract)	25.8 WTE
	If the 3 RN's from other areas where to stay in ICU this would give us	28 WTE
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	OLHN did not employ any additional ICU Nurses. Staff with the required skill set were redeployed from other areas within the hospital	

## Saolta Hospital Group

Hospital	Additional Critical Care Nurses employed from March to June 2020
University Hospital Galway	6WTE ICU 3 WTE NICU
Letterkenny University Hospital	1WTE
Sligo University Hospital	6.5 WTE
Mayo University Hospital	7 WTE (CCU &ICU)
Portiuncula University Hospital	3.5WTE reassigned to ICU
Roscommon University Hospital	N/A

## South-South West Hospital Group

A response from the South-South West Hospital Group is awaited and we will revert to the Deputy once this is received.

I trust this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,



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