

24th November 2020

Deputy Catherine Murphy TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**RE: PQ 34857/20**

**PQ 34857/20** - To ask the Minister for Health the number of critical care and ICU nurses employed across each hospital in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group as of 31 December 2019 and 2 November 2020, in tabular form; the number in training; and his plans to increase this number even further.

Dear Deputy Murphy

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.

Hospital	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20
Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore	38.7	38.7	35.52	35.52	35.52	35.52	35.52	42.5	42.5	44	43	43
Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise - CCU	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12.5	12.5
Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise - ICU	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Naas General Hospital	38.4	38.4	38.4	38.4	40.07	39.18	39.18	39.18	38.18	38.18	38.18	38.18
St James's Hospital ICU SN (SIH) WTE	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185	185
SIH ICU SN Foundation / PG Ed.	9	9	9	9	9	0	0	11	11	11	11	11
SIH GICU Post Grad.	11	11	11	11	11	0	0	0	0	11	11	11
Tallaght University Hospital	88	85	86	90	94	93	94	95	97	97	95	

Please see notes

St James's Hospital: Figures don't include Coronary Care Unit

Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise includes Coronary Care Unit & ICU

Naas General Hospital includes Coronary Care Unit & ICU

Tallaght University Hospital : The construction of an additional Intensive Care beds started in November 2020, we have started the recruitment process of nursing staff to be able to open this unit when finished (Q2 2022).

We are looking at recruiting approximately 90 WTE nursing staff, in order to ensure the appropriate skill set of staff we are actively recruiting critical care nurses from within Ireland and overseas. We are affiliated with Trinity College Dublin for advance post graduate training. We also work closely with our onsite centre for learning and development a provide on-site foundation course in critical care nursing.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours Sincerely



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**Mr Trevor O' Callaghan**  
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