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To ask the Minister for Health the levels of critical care which are provided in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

The levels of critical care in Ireland are defined within the Model of Care for Adult Critical Care

Acute Care	Level 0	Hospital ward clinical management
	Level 1	Higher level of observation eg. PACU
Critical Care	Level 2	Active management by critical care team to treat and support critically ill patients with primarily single organ failure
	Level 3	Active management by critical care team to treat and support critically ill patients with two or more organ failures
	Level 3s	Level 3 with regional/national service

FIGURE 3:
Levels of care, National Standards for Adult Critical Care Services 2011, Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland (p.4)

(<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/clinical-strategy-and-programmes/model-of-care-for-adult-critical-care.pdf>): Section 5.6, pg. 20.

The Critical Care Bed Capacity and Workforce Census was published on 04/03/2021 and can be found [HERE](#). The following shows the levels of critical care provided by hospital/ hospital group when the data was collated at that given point in time in September 2020.

RCSI Hospital Group	Level 3s (supra-specialty) ICU Beds	Level 3 ICU beds	Level 2 HDU beds
Cavan Hospital ICU		2	2
Drogheda Hospital ICU		7	2
Beaumont Hospital General ICU		10	8
Beaumont Hospital Neuro ICU	8		
Connolly Hospital ICU		7	

DM Hospital Group	Level 3s (supra-specialty) ICU Beds	Level 3 ICU beds	Level 2 HDU beds
Naas Hospital ICU		4	
Portlaoise Hospital ICU		2	
Tullamore Hospital ICU		5	
Tallaght ICU & PACU		13	2
St James Hospital Burns ICU	2		
St. James ICU		21	
St James Hospital Cardiothoracic	8		

IE Hospital Group	Level 3s (supra-specialty) ICU Beds	Level 3 ICU beds	Level 2 HDU beds
Mater Hospital ICU/HDU		17	16
Mullingar Hospital ICU		5	1
Navan Hospital ICU		2	2
St. Vincent's University Hospital	16		
Kilkenny Hospital ICU		6	
Wexford Hospital ICU		5	

SSW Hospital Group	Level 3s (supra-specialty) ICU Beds	Level 3 ICU beds	Level 2 HDU beds
South Tipperary ICU		4	
Waterford Regional Hospital ICU/HDU		6	4
Cork University Hospital Cardiothoracic ICU	6		
Cork University Hospital General ICU		13	
Mercy University Hospital ICU		6	
Kerry General Hospital ICU		5	

UL Hospital Group	Level 3s (supra-specialty) ICU Beds	Level 3 ICU beds	Level 2 HDU beds
MidWest Regional Hospital Limerick General ICU/HDU		12	10

Saolta Hospital Group	Level 3s (supra-specialty) ICU Beds	Level 3 ICU beds	Level 2 HDU beds
Letterkenny General Hospital ICU		5	
Mayo General ICU		6	2
Sligo General Hospital ICU		5	
University College Hospital Galway Cardiothoracic ICU	3		1
University College Hospital Galway General ICU/HDU		9	6
Portiuncula		4	2

Total	Level 3 supra-specialty ICU Beds	Level 3 ICU beds	Level 2 HDU beds
	43	181	58

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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