



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



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Éamon Ó'Cuív, T.D.
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ52310/21 To ask the Minister for Health the number of oncological dieticians operating in the Saolta area and their area of operation; if there are plans to appoint more such dieticians; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Ó'Cuív,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

GUH:

There is currently one dedicated Senior Dietitian for the Oncology services, covering all areas of in-patient Oncology and Oncology patients who are on home parenteral nutrition. There is also one Senior Dietitian dedicated to the Radiotherapy service.

Recruitment is underway for an additional 0.5WTE Senior Dietitian for the Radiotherapy service and one Clinical Specialist Dietitian for the Haematology/Oncology ambulatory care service.

MUH: There is currently one Senior Dietitian dedicated to the Oncology service.

SUH: There is no dedicated Oncology Dietitian. There is a limited service provided by general Dietitians to Oncology in-patients only.

LUH: There is no dedicated Oncology Dietitian. A General Dietitian provides the service to Oncology patients.

PUH: There is no dedicated Oncology Dietitian. A General Dietitian provides the services to Oncology day ward patients.

RUH: RUH do not provide an Oncology service, therefore, this is not applicable to RUH.

The Cancer Managed Clinical and Academic Network and the Saolta University Healthcare Group will be seeking funding for further dietetic resources for Oncology patients through the Service Planning process for 2022.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



**Ann Cosgrove,
Chief Operations Officer,
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