

**27th September 2021**

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**Re: PQ 45291/21– Consultants Posts in Maternity Unit, St Luke's Hospital**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant neonatologist and consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist working in the maternity unit at St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny in each of the years of 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the number of consultants in the Maternity Unit in St Luke's Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

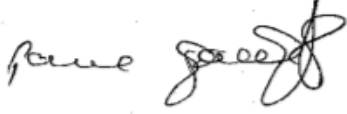
I have had this matter examined, please see requested information below:

Consultants @St Luke's General Hospital	2018	2019	2020	2021
Consultant Obstetricians	4	4	5	5
Consultant Neonatologists (St Luke's does not have a NICU)	0	0	0	0
Consultant Paediatricians who provide services to the SCBU (St Luke's has a special care baby unit -SCBU)	5	5	5.5 (inc one consultant working part time)	6



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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