



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive



Chief Operations Officer,  
Saolta University Health Care Group,  
Old Nurses Home,  
University Hospital,  
Newcastle Road.  
Galway.  
Tel: 091 893800

Rose Conway-Walsh T.D.  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

18<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**PQ39382.22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical staff vacancies by staff grade currently for each hospital in the Saolta Hospital Group; the length of time of each vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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.

Please see the below table which outlines the current clinical WTEs in the Saolta University Health Care Group:

Category	DEC 2021	JAN 2022	FEB 2022	MAR 2022	APR 2022	MAY 2022	JUN 2022	JUL 2022	% Increase/Decrease
Medical/ Dental	1,661.77	1,645.06	1,621.98	1,657.78	1,680.02	1,687.54	1,676.21	1,673.48	1%
Nursing/ Midwifery	4,007.48	4,028.45	4,140.57	4,186.14	4,170.24	4,205.04	4,202.45	4,272.05	7%
Health & Social Care Professionals	1,291.67	1,312.16	1,287.37	1,292.38	1,265.94	1,255.69	1,267.10	1,271.87	-2%

We continue to actively recruit for all vacancies with a combination of national and international recruitment campaigns.

We are currently undertaking an analysis of staff vacancies across the Group which will include the duration of vacancy, i.e. short term or long term, and whether the vacancies are filled on a temporary or locum basis.

Following this analysis, we will have an accurate picture of vacancies across the Group.

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

**Yours sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Cosgrove', written over a horizontal line.

**Ann Cosgrove,  
Chief Operations Officer,  
Saolta University Health Care Group**