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Dublin 2

***PQ 40757/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses that underwent necessary training to upskill in order to work in an ICU setting since January 2021.***

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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 am advised by the Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Service Director that the information you have requested was gathered as part of the Public Health Services response to the Covid-19 Pandemic and is not collected routinely. The following is the most up to date information to hand regarding the number of nurses that have under taken specialist training in order to work in Critical Care settings.

**Hospital Group/Hospital**

MRH - Portlaoise	10
MRH - Tullamore	48
Naas General Hospital	10
St. James's Hospital	89
Tallaght University Hospital	74
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	60
MRH Mullingar	21
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	15
St. Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	20
St. Vincent's University Hospital	100
Wexford General Hospital	32

Beaumont Hospital	100
Cavan General Hospital	40
Connolly Hospital	27
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	104
Galway University Hospitals	150
Letterkenny University Hospital	85
Mayo University Hospital	20
Portiuncula University Hospital	20
Sligo University Hospital	90
Cork University Hospital	140
Mercy University Hospital	50
South Tipperary General Hospital	40
UH Kerry	65
UH Waterford	60
UL Hospitals Group	107
<b>Total Adult</b>	<b>1577</b>

As part of the investment in the implementation of the Critical Care Strategic Plan, there has been a focus on Critical Care Education Initiatives to upskill staff and build workforce capacity. A new tender process has been completed which will provide 1,000 training places (166/yr) over six years on the National Foundation Education course. The new contract will commence in Sept 2022. This will provide increased capacity of trained critical care nurses.

In addition, 15 WTE Critical Care On-site Nurse Educators were allocated in 2021.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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