



Rannán na nOspidéal Ghéarmhíochaine
Aonad 4A, Áras Dargan
An Ceantar Theas
An Bóthar Míleata
Cill Mhaighneann
Baile Átha Cliath 8

Acute Operations
Unit 4A, The Dargan Building
Heuston South Quarter
Military Road
Kilmainham
Dublin 8

11th April 2023

Deputy Paul Donnelly
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ 14983/23- To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of recruiting additional one WTE information scientists with a MSc in genetic counselling and additional one WTE information scientist with a MSc in clinical neuroscience for the HSE national rare diseases office

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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

An Information Scientist at the National Rare Diseases Office is remunerated based on the Senior Medical Social Worker Health Sector Consolidated Salary Scales (as at 01/10/22) grade code 3019.

New appointees to any grade start at the minimum point of the scale. Incremental credit will be applied for recognised relevant service in Ireland and abroad (Department of Health Circular 2/2011). Incremental credit is normally granted on appointment, in respect of previous work experience in the Civil Service, Local Authorities, Health Service and other Public Service Bodies and Statutory Agencies.

The table below provides a breakdown of a full year costing for two Information Scientists.

Mid-Point (for costing purposes)	PRSI 11.05%	Total – full year costing
€69,262	€7,653	€76,916
Total Costing: Information Scientists X 2		€153,830

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

Yours sincerely,

Brian Dunne
General Manager, Acute Operations