

7th March 2024

Deputy Joan Collins TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 5833/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant rheumatologists attached to each hospital part of the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular

Dear Deputy Collins

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

Hospital Name	2021	2022	2023	Comment
Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore	2	2	3	additional Rheumatologist approved August 2023/ locum currently in post until permanent role advertised
Tallaght University Hospital	4.1	4.1wte to Apr 2022, 5.1wte from Apr to June 2022, 4.1wte from from June to Oct 2022, 3.1wte from Nov to Dec 2022	3.5wte to April 2023, 2.5wte from May to Aug 2023, 3.5wte from Sept to Oct 2023 & 3.9wte from Oct to Dec 2023	
St James Hospital	2.7 WTE	3.2 WTE	3.2 WTE	
Naas General Hospital	0.486 - 0.729	0.729	0.729	Note: Sept –Dec 0.729 WTE

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Trevor O' Callaghan
Chief Executive Officer