



27th June 2025

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2.

PQ 31010/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of companies used by public hospitals to provide consultant weekend cover and or waiting list initiatives since 2015; to list the names of the companies and the funds provided to the companies, broken down by year and by hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Response:

Consultant weekend cover would generally be provided by Medical Manpower within each of the regions. If in the event there was no cover available locally or through agencies there is a framework in place which the hospitals can use to source cover. The HSE utilise a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) to purchase services through private providers. There is an approved list of companies used by public hospitals under the HSE Dynamic Purchasing System for Provision of Insourcing Services for Clinical Procedures to the HSE.

In relation to waiting lists initiatives, the HSE provide funding to the hospitals directly for this. The hospitals engage directly for this service through approved providers on the DPS system. The information on companies providing this service can be accessed through the Office of Government Procurement e-tenders website;
<https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/home.do>

The NTPF fund waiting list initiatives through approved providers on the DPS system. This information is available from the NTPF.



Attached is the information held centrally in relation DPS arrangements for each of the years 2023 to date broken down by year and by hospital.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

**Sheila McGuinness,
Access & Integration**

Dynamic Purchasing System

Hospital	2023 Full Year Cost	2024 Full Year Cost	2025 to 13.06.25 cost
CHI at Crumlin		€ 121,824	
CHI at Tallaght		€ 49,680	
CHI at Temple St		€ 27,648	
Cork University Hospital	€ 241,230	€ 843,662	
Galway University Hospitals	€ 1,976,950	€ 4,118,909	€ 43,500
HSE Midwest		€ 3,509,682	
Letterkenny University Hospital	€ 647,400	€ 733,875	€ 158,250
Louth County Hospital			€ 145,243
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital		€ 192,000	
Mayo University Hospital	€ 392,400	€ 249,100	€ 279,000
Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar	€ 598,876	€ 977,666	€ 167,704
Naas General Hospital	€ 205,332		
Portiuncula University Hospital	€ 27,600	€ 20,000	€ 44,250
Roscommon University Hospital	€ 569,000	€ 375,850	€ 117,750
Sligo University Hospital	€ 453,600	€ 9,450	€ 74,250
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	€ -	€ -	
St. James's Hospital		€ 732,466	
St. Michael's Hospital	€ 255,989	€ 145,240	
Tallaght University Hospital	€ -	€ 527,420	
ULHG	€ 8,622,027		
University Hospital Kerry	€ -	€ -	
Wexford General Hospital	€ -	€ 303,176	
Grand Total	€ 13,990,404	€ 12,937,648	€ 1,029,947