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PQ 31589/25

To ask the Minister for Health the cost of ensuring an advanced nurse practitioner post at each recognised asthma centre that specialises in severe asthma

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Respiratory on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

A specialist severe asthma centre is a centre which assesses patients whose asthma remains uncontrolled or is refractory to inhaled asthma therapies and may require escalation to asthma biologic therapy.

At this time there are no nationally designated specialist severe asthma centres in Ireland. It is a whole system approach where any respiratory consultant in a hospital can refer their patients for evidence-based therapies that support severe asthma, provided the national criteria for the prescription of those therapies are met.

The National Severe Asthma Advisory Group (SAAG), a sub-group of the National Clinical Programme for Respiratory, recommends that all asthma clinics are multidisciplinary and provide best practice evidence based care.

The implementation of the HSE's Asthma Model of Care¹ is being supported by the Enhanced Community Care (ECC) funded model. There are a number of both clinical nurse specialists and advance nurse practitioners funded by this programme as part of a multidisciplinary team approach to support the management of asthma including severe asthma across all hospitals and the community.

The cost for an Advanced Nurse Practitioner post for a full year cost as of March 2025 is €92,655 including PRSI 11.5%. The salary scale for ANP is €70,701- €87,250.

The cost of a CNS post for a full year as of March 2025 is €80,274 including PRSI 11.5%. The salary scale for a CNS is €60,854 - €75,897.

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

Yours sincerely

Anne Horgan
General Manager

References

1. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/hcps/hcpr/asthma/moc/>