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**Re: PQ 33251/25 Amended - To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has plans to reinstate funding for advanced nurse practitioners in inflammatory bowel disease clinics, to ensure adequate staffing levels and the best possible care for patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Erin McGreehan**

Dear Deputy McGreehan,

Further to your query, the Health Service Executive (HSE) can confirm that there are currently 18 posts in the area of Gastroenterology subspecialising in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) within adult services nationwide. These comprise:

- 12 cANPs
- 6 ANPs

<b>Breakdown of IBD cANP and ANP Posts by Hospital</b>			
<b>Hospital</b>	<b>cANP</b>	<b>ANP</b>	<b>Total Posts</b>
Beaumont Hospital	0	2	2
Cork University Hospital	1	1	2
Galway University Hospital	1	0	1
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	0	3	3
Mercy University Hospital	0	3	3
Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar	1	0	1
St. James's Hospital	2	0	2
Tallaght University Hospital	1	1	2
University Hospital Kerry	1	0	1

University Hospital Limerick	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>

### Gastroenterology & IBD Services – Contact Information

The following hospitals provide **Gastroenterology services including IBD care**. Please note not all operate dedicated standalone IBD clinics. Contact details and web links are provided below for your information:

Hospital	IBD/Gastro Service	Contact Number	Web Link
<b>Beaumont Hospital</b>	Regional Gastroenterology service with IBD nurse support	(01) 809 3000	<a href="#">Beaumont Gastroenterology</a>
<b>Cork University Hospital</b>	Dedicated IBD clinics within Gastroenterology & Hepatology	021 492 2000	<a href="#">CUH Gastroenterology</a>
<b>Galway University Hospital</b>	Gastroenterology department provides IBD care	091 544 544	<a href="#">GUH Saolta</a>
<b>Mater Misericordiae University Hospital</b>	Gastroenterology services including IBD management	(01) 803 2000	<a href="#">Mater Services (general services page; specific gastro page unavailable)</a>

<b>Mercy University Hospital</b>	Gastroenterology department manages IBD patients	021 427 1971	<a href="#">Mercy Gastroenterology</a>
<b>Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar</b>	Gastroenterology outpatient services; no public reference to dedicated IBD clinic	044 939 4000	<a href="#">MRH Mullingar</a>
<b>St. James's Hospital</b>	Dedicated IBD clinics and multidisciplinary team	(01) 410 3000	<a href="#">St. James's Gastroenterology</a>
<b>Tallaght University Hospital</b>	Dedicated IBD Unit and clinics	(01) 414 2000	<a href="#">Tallaght IBD</a>
<b>University Hospital Kerry</b>	Gastroenterology outpatient clinics including IBD care	066 718 4000	<a href="#">UHK</a>
<b>University Hospital Limerick</b>	Gastroenterology outpatient service treats IBD patients	061 482 176	<a href="#">UHL Gastroenterology</a>

The HSE continues to work with services to support the development and expansion of ANP roles, including in Gastroenterology and IBD care.

Yours sincerely,

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