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Deputy Boland,
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Dublin 2

PQ: 52731/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of funded posts currently filled in each of the regional and supra-regional endometriosis centres; if her Department has a timeframe for full staffing of these services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Grace Boland

Dear Deputy Boland,

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

Endometriosis is one of the most common gynaecological conditions in Ireland and approximately 1 in 7 women may have this condition. Endometriosis is a challenging condition to treat due to its wide range of presentations, which can affect patients' physical and mental well-being at varying levels. The time required for diagnosis also differs from patient to patient because of the varying and often ambiguous symptoms associated with this chronic condition.

The HSE recognises that endometriosis care is challenging. For this reason, the management of endometriosis has been established as a key priority for the HSE, with significant progress achieved in recent years. Central to this improvement has been the launch and publication of Ireland's first National Framework for the Management of Endometriosis on October 18th 2025, alongside the implementation of structured care pathways. The Framework can be accessed [here](#).

Two supra-regional specialist centres have been developed for the management of complex endometriosis, based in Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) and Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH). These services will be supported by five regional hubs for moderate cases. Recognising the wide-ranging impact of the condition, the HSE has funded multidisciplinary teams to deliver holistic, person-centred care.

Investment in dedicated endometriosis services commenced in 2021 and with subsequent multi-Budget funding, to date 50.2 whole time equivalents (WTEs) have been funded to enable the development of specialist services. Table 1 provides an overview of WTE funded to date and their current status.

Service	WTE Funded	WTE Filled	WTE Unfilled	WTE Decommissioned*
CUMH	12.6	4.0	6.6	2.0
TUH	11.6	9.6	0.5	1.5
The Rotunda Hospital	5.0	4.0	1.0	0.0
National Maternity Hospital	5.0	0.0	2.0	3.0
The Coombe Hospital	6.0	4.0	2.0	0.0
University Hospital Galway	5.0	3.0	2.0	0.0
University Maternity Hospital Limerick	5.0	3.0	1.0	1.0
TOTAL	50.2	27.6	15.1	7.5

Table 1 Breakdown of Endometriosis WTE as of 7.11.25

**Note a number of posts were decommissioned subject to the HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy, whereby posts that remained unfilled as of 31st December 2023 were suppressed.*

Recruitment is ongoing and remains a priority for services. The time required to fill all available posts will depend on a range of factors, including, for example, staff availability, local recruitment and onboarding processes, the time needed for professional registration or credential verification et cetera.

The HSE's National Women and Infants Health Programme remains committed to the ongoing implementation of the National Framework as well as building on progress to date with further enhancement of endometriosis services.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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