



7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Deputy Cormac Devlin, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
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**RE: PQ 49345/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultant dermatologists and dermatology clinical nurse specialists, by hospital and hospital group; the number that list hair and scalp disorders as a special interest; whether the HSE has a published clinical pathway for alopecia areata, including step therapy and access to advanced therapies; and if she will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Devlin,

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 for Dermatology, National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) and Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director (ONMSD) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The HSE does not currently have a published clinical pathway for alopecia areata. All dermatologists are qualified to treat alopecia areata. Information on types of hair loss (alopecia) is available on [hse.ie](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/hair-loss/) at the following link: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/hair-loss/>

The HSE has recently created 6 new health regions (HRs). Each region is responsible for providing both hospital and community care for the people in that area. The hospitals in Ireland are now organised within these health regions and not by hospital group. Details are available at: <https://about.hse.ie/health-regions/>

Please refer to Table 1 for Dermatology Consultants per health region. This data was extracted by NTDP from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) at 31st August 2025. It is important to note that DIME is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their workforce and therefore, there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites. As DIME is a live system, it must be noted that there can be variances in the figures published, dependent on the run date of the report, as entries can be made with a retrospective date.

| TABLE 1     |                                |                 |           |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Speciality  | Health Region                  | Total Headcount | Total WTE |
| Dermatology | HSE Dublin & Midlands Region   | 19              | 17.09     |
|             | HSE Dublin & North East Region | 17              | 17        |
|             | HSE Dublin & South East Region | 9               | 8.41      |
|             | HSE Mid-West Region            | 4               | 4         |
|             | HSE South West Region          | 9               | 8.9       |
|             | HSE West & North West Region   | 8               | 7.027     |
| Total       |                                | 66              | 62.427    |

Table 2 details Candidate CNS (cCNS) and Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) in Dermatology and sub specialist areas.



**TABLE 2**

| Health Region             | Hospital                                | Discipline | Dermatology | Sub Clinical Area | WTE cCNS    | WTE CNS                                      |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------|
| HSE West North West       | Letterkenny                             |            | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 0.00<br><i>(1.0 WTE awaiting start date)</i> |
|                           | Galway University Hospital              | Adult      | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 1.00                                         |
| HSE Dublin Midlands       | Tallaght University Hospital            | Adult      | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 5.00                                         |
|                           | Naas General Hospital                   | Adult      | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 3.00                                         |
|                           | St James Hospital                       | Adult      | Dermatology | Surgical          | 0           | 1.00                                         |
|                           | Regional Hospital Mullingar             | Adult      | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 1.00                                         |
| HSE Dublin SE             | St Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH) | Adult      | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 2.00                                         |
| HSE Dublin NE             | Mater Hospital                          | Adult      | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 3.50                                         |
| HSE South West            | South Infirmary Victoria (SIVUH)        | Adult      | Dermatology | Sees children     | 0           | 1.30                                         |
| HSE Dublin NE             | Cavan                                   | Adult      | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 1.00                                         |
|                           | OLOL Drogheda                           | Adult      | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 2.00                                         |
| HSE Mid-West              | UHL                                     | Adult      | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 5.67                                         |
|                           | UHL                                     | Adult      | Dermatology | Skin Cancer       |             | 0.22                                         |
| Children's Health Ireland | CHI Temple Street                       | Children   | Dermatology |                   | 0           | 0.90                                         |
|                           | CHI Crumlin                             | Children   | Dermatology |                   | 1           | 3.00                                         |
|                           | CHI Crumlin                             | Children   | Dermatology | EB                | 0           | 1.00                                         |
| <b>Total</b>              |                                         |            |             |                   | <b>1.00</b> | <b>31.59</b>                                 |

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**