



17th October 2025.

Deputy Paul Lawless T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.

PQ 51394/25 – To ask the Minister for Health to provide the number of frontline clinical staff nurses, doctors, allied health professionals employed in each hospital in the Saolta Hospital Group for each of the past five years, including the annual budget allocation.

And

PQ 51562/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of frontline healthcare professionals employed in each hospital within the Saolta University Health Care Group, by professional category including but not limited to consultants, registrars, doctors (SHOs/interns), nurses (staff nurses, advanced nurse practitioners, public health nurses), pharmacists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, dietitians, social workers, psychologists and other health and social care professionals, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Lawless,

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 in relation to each PQ above:

Re: PQ 51394/25

Table 1 outlines the total no. of WTE's employed in the HSE West and North West Hospitals, 2021-2025.

HSE WEST AND NORTH WEST	2021 WTE's	2022 WTE's	2023 WTE's	2024 WTE's	2025 WTE's
Galway University Hospitals	2828.49	3086.85	3283.53	3258.07	3303.07
Portiuncula University Hospital	616.1	668.12	733.97	745.68	746.96
Roscommon University Hospital	215.94	255.67	272.9	257.9	267.43
Mayo University Hospital	912.95	997.17	1046.68	1040.05	1058.04
Sligo University Hospital	1230.7	1268.9	1369.03	1400.94	1481.2
Letterkenny University Hospital	1137.97	1246.2	1319.43	1342.74	1393.67



The data in the table above includes all WTE's as it is not possible to identify 'frontline' WTE's in isolation, as many of our healthcare professionals work in all areas of our hospitals to deliver our healthcare services.

The annual budget allocation is as provided in our response to your PQ reference **PQ 51390/25**.

Re: PQ 51562/25

Appendix 1 attached outlines the number of healthcare professionals employed within the former Saolta University Health Care Group, by professional category, as listed, in each of the past five years

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Maria Ferguson,
Regional Director of People, West and North West.

Encl. – Appendix 1



APPENDIX 1 – No. of WTE Healthcare Professionals, HSE West and North West – 2021-2025

		No. of WTE's				
	Professional Categories:	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Medical & Dental	Consultant Anaesthesia	69.93	68.23	77.33	79.39	78.15
	Consultant Medicine	141.57	155.57	164.93	186.03	198.82
	Consultant Obstetrics & Gynaecology	26.92	27.94	31.18	31.23	33.32
	Consultant Paediatrics	32.41	35.86	37.08	39.65	40.51
	Consultant Pathology	52.26	50.33	54.68	60.35	62.12
	Consultant Psychiatry	1.00	1.00	1.58	2.00	3.00
	Consultant Radiology	43.54	44.56	53.58	52.85	53.48
	Consultant Surgery	95.09	99.10	103.98	112.02	119.24
	Consultant Emergency Medicine	22.17	22.65	25.32	28.44	32.08
	Consultant Intensive Care Medicine	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.76	1.00
	Consultant Dentistry	3.78	4.23	4.49	4.39	4.43
	Interns	153.91	131.57	150.80	154.90	151.98
	Senior House Officer	511.37	536.51	571.79	586.92	591.89
	Registrar	327.20	328.29	349.11	374.96	373.01
	Specialist Registrar	146.88	158.75	160.83	170.38	189.26
	Senior Registrar	19.00	19.67	22.68	24.07	25.07
	Dentists	8.24	6.97	6.99	7.34	6.62
	Other Medical	4.50	4.94	5.40	15.11	13.20
Nursing & Midwifery	Staff Midwives	284.45	289.25	299.86	286.68	262.70
	Nursing Education/Clinical	29.17	33.88	38.98	37.39	36.66
	Staff Nurses [General/ Children's]	2,746.56	3,012.64	3,217.10	3,161.92	3,194.44
	Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Manager	550.15	620.64			0.00
	Pre-registration Nurse/ Midwife Intern	4.37	10.31	3.27	1.00	98.67
	Post-registration Nurse/ Midwife Student	7.00	8.94	11.00	11.00	11.50
	Advanced Nurse/ Midwife Practitioner	99.26	128.34	95.09	124.16	131.64
	Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Specialist	168.81	186.23	204.32	204.87	207.66
	Director of Nursing/Midwifery	14.00	13.97	12.97	13.00	14.00
	Director Nursing/Midwifery, Assistant	69.65	65.42	78.22	74.58	77.89
	Nursing/ Midwifery awaiting registration	18.29	101.18	41.41	24.86	2.00
	Staff Nurse [Intellectual Disability]			2.00	2.00	1.75
	Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Manager 1			133.48	134.28	140.87
	Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Manager 2			501.60	481.80	496.35
	Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Manager 3			66.84	66.68	65.94
	Adv. Nurse/ Midwife, Candidate			66.92	48.62	53.03
	Clinical Nurse/ Midwife Spec., Candidate			0.91	2.50	3.34
Health & Social Care Professionals	Medical Science	336.16	356.53	343.48	346.18	357.51
	Audiology	5.90	7.00	7.70	7.90	8.05
	Physicists	17.58	22.86	26.46	26.74	25.86



	Dental Hygienists	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Dietitians	45.03	49.29	56.04	56.28	62.29
	Occupational Therapists	68.30	77.83	89.25	94.88	96.69
	Dosimetrists	3.99	5.00	5.96	6.50	6.50
	Physiotherapists	165.18	181.02	194.72	191.58	199.45
	Psychologists	3.10	3.11	7.08	7.37	6.96
	Radiation Therapists	26.77	35.34	35.34	35.34	39.37
	Radiographers	195.18	201.91	203.18	208.25	219.14
	Social Care	2.35	2.44	2.39	2.39	2.31
	Social Workers	36.79	42.87	53.73	54.33	53.48
	Speech & Language Therapists	23.32	29.51	29.16	25.96	30.06
	Other Health & Social Care	3.00	4.98	8.95	9.87	9.90
	HSCP Trainees/Students	6.41	20.51	24.94	19.18	11.02
	Podiatrists & Chiropodists	3.17	4.86	5.92	5.99	7.66
	Counsellor Therapists	0.60	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.63
	Clinical Engineering	18.08	19.93	20.81	20.44	21.28
	Biochemists	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.93	2.96
	Perfusionists	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.50	3.50
	Phlebotomists	22.93	28.90	32.57	33.76	34.86
	Play Therapists/ Specialists	3.57	3.74	5.09	3.05	2.25
	Orthoptists	4.99	5.13	4.96	3.77	4.90
	Cardiac Physiologists	39.84	36.59	42.07	42.72	43.80
	E.C.G. Technicians	0.97	1.05	0.88	0.59	0.59
	Gastrointestinal Physiologists	0.00	0.99	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Neuro-Physiologists	3.00	3.05	3.06	3.06	3.06
	Respiratory Physiologists	9.00	9.63	10.00	11.80	12.60
	Vascular Physiologists	4.81	3.99	3.93	3.50	3.66
	Pharmacists	91.45	96.14	106.77	110.52	105.93
	Pharmacy Technicians	87.57	95.10	95.75	98.24	96.48
	Vaccinators	54.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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