

Miontuairiscí chruinniú an Fhórait Sláinte Réigiúnaigh a tionóladh Dé Máirt, 25^ú Feabhra 2025 ag 2.00 i.n, i Seomra 1 an tIonad Oideachais, Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Ospidéal Ollscoile Páirc Mheirlinne, Gaillimh

Minutes of Regional Health Forum West meeting held on Tuesday, 25th February 2025 at 2.00pm in Room 1, Education Centre, Merlin Park University, Galway.

Chairperson: Cllr Ciaran Brogan

Members Present	Members Present	Members Apologies
Cllr Antoinette Bashua Baker *	Cllr Felim Gurn*	Cllr Seamus Morris
Cllr Sharon Benson*	Cllr Mary Howard*	Cllr Elisa O'Donovan
Cllr Declan Bree	Cllr Emer Kelly*	
Cllr Phyll Bugler	Cllr Michael Kilcoyne	
Cllr Aisling Burke*	Cllr Donagh Killilea	
Cllr Marie Casserly*	Cllr Michael Loftus*	
Cllr Bridie Collins	Cllr Declan Meehan	Members Absent
Cllr Micheal Collins	Cllr Sean Moylan	Cllr John Caulfield
Cllr Greg Conway	Cllr Rita McInerney	Cllr Ita Reynolds Flynn
Cllr MJ Crowe*	Cllr Gerry McMonagle	Cllr Alma Gallagher
Cllr Shaun Cunneiffe*	Cllr Edel McSharry*	Cllr Alan Harney
Cllr Gary Doherty	Cllr Micheál Naughton*	Cllr Eileen Mannion
Cllr Paddy Farrell*	Cllr JP O'Meara	
Cllr Francis Foley	Cllr Dr Evelyn Francis Parsons*	
Cllr Shane Forde	Cllr James Ryan	
Cllr Liam Galvin		

*denotes virtual attendance

In attendance:

Tony Canavan, Executive Lead, Regional Health Forum/ Regional Executive Officer, HSE West and North West
 Ann Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon
 Mary Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo
 John Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan
 Sean Murphy, General Manager, Letterkenny University Hospital
 Maria Bridgeman Integrated Health Area Manager, HSE Mid West
 Ian Carter, CEO Midwest Acute and Older People Services
 Niall Murray, General Manager Area Operations, NAS
 JJ McGowan, Chief Ambulance Officer – West, NAS
 Marian Cavanagh, Regional Health Forum Office
 Anna Lyons, Regional Health Forum Office

914/114/25 Minutes of previous meeting – 26th November 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26th November 2024 were proposed by Cllr Michael Collins, seconded by Cllr Liam Galvin and adopted.

915/114/25 Matters Arising:

Cllr Donagh Killilea would like to extend his gratitude to the HSE Healthcare Professionals for their dedication and hard work during and after storm Éowyn and has requested that this appreciation be

conveyed to all staff. Additionally, Cllr Brogan has asked that he and the Members be associated with this message of thanks and that it be shared with all staff to show their appreciation.

Action: A letter from Cllr Ciaran Brogan, Chairperson will be sent to the IHA Managers, NAS and CEO Midwest Acute and Older People Services with this message of appreciation for all HSE Healthcare Professionals from the Regional Health Forum West Members.

916/114/25 Chairman's Address:

Chairperson Cllr Ciaran Brogan will write to the Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill to congratulate her on her new role and to extend an invitation to attend a Regional Health Forum meeting and engage with the Members.

Action: A letter of invite from the Chairperson Cllr Ciaran Brogan to the Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll MacNeill will be issued via the Regional Health Forum office.

917/114/25 Questions:

W114Q4211 – GP Access to Tuam X-Ray Unit:

Action: Ann Cosgrove to feedback the concerns of the GP's to Portlincula University Hospital and Primary Care in relation to the days of operation at the x-ray unit in Tuam.

W114Q4214, W114Q4216 & W114Q4217 – NAS available Statistics:

Action: Niall Murray will feedback Cllr Mary Howard's frustration that the statistics which were provided in the above responses were not available per County.

W114Q4218 – W114Q4220:

It was noted that when Senator Gareth Scathill questions arose that he has been appointed to Seanad Éireann.

Action: Cllr Ciaran Brogan will issue a letter of congratulations to Senator Gareth Scathill on behalf of the Regional Health Forum Members.

W114Q4224 –Mental Health Bill:

Cllr Evelyn Francis Parsons noted that the response was not available at time of issue.

Action: Response to be issued to Cllr Evelyn Francis Parsons once received from the office of the National Clinical Lead for Mental Health.

W114Q4226 – Parking System at Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway:

Action: Ann Cosgrove to feedback Cllr Shane Forde's concerns about the paid parking in Merlin Park site and the use of the shuttle bus.

Action: Ann Cosgrove to provide Cllr Shane Forde with the daily and weekly capped rate of paid parking at UHG.

W114Q4229 - Bereavement Service at University Hospital Galway.

Action: Ann Cosgrove agreed to make contact with Cllr Shane Forde in relation to this issue.

W114Q4230 – Ballaghaderreen Primary Care Centre:

Action: Michael Conneely to contact Cllr Sean Moylan regarding the tender process and keep him updated on the progress in relation to the Ballaghaderreen Primary Care Centre.

Capital Development Quarterly Updates:

Tony Canavan advised Members that more structured information will be furnished by Estates on a Quarterly basis.

Action: Michaél Conneely to provide the Regional Health Forum Members with a Quarterly update on the Capital Developments across the Region.

W114Q4232 – Breakdown of ED Attendances and Admissions for 2024

Action: Cllr Antoinette Baker Bashua requested a further data response to this question with regards to the HSE West and North West Hospitals. Cllr Declan Bree requested that the response be forwarded to all Regional Health Forum Members.

W114Q4234 – Average length of Stay per Model 4 and Model 3 Hospitals from 1st October to 31st December 2024:

Action: The December 2024 data for the West and North West Hospitals to be provided to Cllr Antoinette Baker Bashua.

W114Q4239 – Vacancies at GP Practices/Services in Donegal:

Action: Sean Murphy to provide Cllr Gerry McMonagle with the number of GP's we have per population in County Donegal.

Action: RHF office to arrange a Regional Health Forum West Committee presentation on the General Medical Services to include information in relation to accessing a GP.

W114Q4242 – Audits/assessment carried out on all HSE Primary Care Buildings in Donegal:

Action: Cllr Declan Meehan has requested the detailed audits/assessments carried out on all HSE primary care buildings completed in Donegal in 2023 and 2024, as well as updates on progressing resulting recommendations from same. Cllr Declan Meehan requested that a more detailed response be provided.

Request for Estates to attend a Regional Health Forum Meeting:

Action: Cllr Ciaran Brogan requested Estates to meet with the Donegal representatives. Michaél Conneely, Capital & Estates to contact Cllr Brogan.

W114Q4245 – Recruitment of Occupational Therapist in Donegal Primary Care Teams:

Action: Sean Murphy to review the recruitment advertisement routes for the vacant Occupational Therapist posts in Donegal Primary Care Teams and revert to Cllr Declan Meehan.

W114Q4249 – ShannonDoc Services:

Action: Maria Bridgeman agreed to make contact with Cllr Rita McNerney in relation to ShannonDoc Services.

W114Q4253 –Gurteen Health Centre:

Action: John Fitzmaurice to revert to Cllr Edel McSharry once he has linked in with Estates to explore the options available for Gurteen Health Centre.

W114Q4255 – Breast Screening Mobile Service:

Action: RHF office to invite the CEO of the National Screening Service to provide a presentation at a Regional Health Forum West Committee meeting.

W114Q4256 – Pay and Numbers Strategy in the HSE:

Action: Tony Canavan advised Cllr Edel McSharry that a link will be provided to the Regional Health Forum Members on how posts are allocated in each area.

W114Q4257 – Masterplan for the UHG Campus:

Action: Ann Cosgrove to make contact with Cllr Michael Crowe regarding the Masterplan for the UHG Campus.

W114Q4262 – Hydrotherapy pool in Cregg House, Sligo:

Action: John Fitzmaurice to revert to Cllr Declan Bree to confirm was funding requested from the 2025 national budgetary allocation process to re-open the hydrotherapy pool at the former Cregg campus.

918/114/25 Motions:

W114M199 – Invitation to HIQA to attend and present at a Regional Health Forum West Committee Meeting:

Chairperson, Cllr Ciaran Brogan, of the Regional Health Forum to invite the CEO of HIQA to attend and present at a Regional Health Forum Committee meeting.

Action: RHF office to prepare a letter of invite from the Chairperson Cllr Ciaran Brogan to the CEO of HIQA.

919/114/25 Any other Business:

920/114/25 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The next **Regional Health Forum West** meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 2pm.

The next **Regional Health Forum Committee** Meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 2pm in Manorhamilton.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach/Chairman

Adopted at the Regional Health Forum West meeting

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Number:	QUESTION	RAISED BY
W115Q4274	Please provide an update on the property evaluation report for the St Brigid's hospital campus. Has an assessment of damage resulting from storm Eowyn taken place and what remedial action is planned? There has been significant damage to the protected structures on the main campus, particularly to the roofs leaving several sections now fully exposed. I would appreciate if this could be raised	Cllr A Harney
<p>The HSE have reviewed recommendations put forward in the property evaluation report referenced and have agreed to progress with the disposal of four of the five Lots identified in the report. Lot 3, the Admissions Building, CNU and surrounding lands along the Creagh Road will not be offered for disposal at this point in time. All other property will be offered for disposal.</p> <p>Disposals will be completed in accordance with the HSE's Protocol for Acquisition & Disposal of Property, Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform circulars and associated legislation. This requires property to be offered for disposal in the following sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Land Development Agency (LDA) 2. Prescribed State Entities (Ref: DPER Circular 17/2016) 3. The open market <p>The HSE will undertake a tender for an Agent to dispose of the properties in coming months with a view to offering the properties to the market in Q2 2025.</p> <p>N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates</p> <p>In relation to Storm Éowyn; an assessment has been carried out to the St Brigid's campus following the storm, and there were a number of trees that have fallen and localised damage to protective hoarding, which is being repaired/replaced by HSE maintenance.</p> <p>We are aware of the damage caused over the years with that building being vacant, unfortunately we have a limited maintenance budget, and to date no funding has been allocated to carry out repairs at St. Brigid's, prioritization of maintenance works will be given in our existing buildings in use by our services and facilities for our service users</p> <p>A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon</p>		
W115Q4275	Please provide an update regarding the disposal of the former health centre in Aughrim, Co. Galway.	Cllr A Harney
<p>This property has been deemed surplus to HSE requirements and will be disposed of as per the HSE's Protocol for Acquisition & Disposal of Property, Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform circulars and associated legislation. This requires property to be offered for disposal in the following sequence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Land Development Agency (LDA) 2. Prescribed State Entities (Ref: DPER Circular 17/2016) 3. The open market <p>The HSE will undertake a tender for an Agent to dispose of the properties in coming months with a view to offering this property to the market in Q2 2025.</p> <p>N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates</p>		
W115Q4276	Please provide an update regarding the disposal of the former health centre in Ballygar, Co. Galway.	Cllr A Harney

This property has been deemed surplus to HSE requirements and will be disposed of as per the HSE's Protocol for Acquisition & Disposal of Property, Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform circulars and associated legislation. This requires property to be offered for disposal in the following sequence:

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3. The open market

The HSE will undertake a tender for an Agent to dispose of the properties in coming months with a view to offering this property to the market in Q2 2025.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W115Q4277	Please provide the incidence rate of hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy at each maternity unit in the Regional Health Forum West area per 1,000 births for the years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 (so far).	Cllr A Harney
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Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE) is a term used to describe an injury that occurs when the brain does not get enough blood and/or oxygen. In maternity services, a HIE can occur during labour, the birth of a baby or immediately after the baby is born.

Therapeutic hypothermia (TH), also known as therapeutic cooling, is an effective treatment for babies who suffer a moderate to severe HIE event. In the Irish maternity services, when a baby requires TH they are referred to one of four tertiary neonatal centres, where the cooling treatment is provided by skilled neonatologists. The four tertiary units are the Rotunda, National Maternity Hospital, The Coombe Hospital and Cork University Maternity Hospital.

HIE can be mild, moderate or severe. The HSE reports on the number of babies that receive therapeutic cooling, and these figures are included in the annual Irish Maternity Indicator System (<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/woman-infants/national-reports-on-womens-health/irish-maternity-indicator-system-national-report-2023.pdf>). The incident rate for the maternity hospitals in the Regional Forum Area West, are set out in the table below. Please note that the most recent data is 2023.

In addition to reporting via the IMIS, all occurrences where a baby requires TH are notified to the Obstetric Event Support Team, which is a unit within the National Women and Infants Health Programme of the HSE. The OEST will visit the hospital where the HIE event occurred, meet with the local team, make a recommendation as to the nature of the review that is required, and extract any learning that can then be shared nationally.

Maternity	2020			2021			2022			2023			2020-2023 (cumulated)		
	N	Rate	95% CI	N	Rate	95% CI	N	Rate	95% CI	N	Rate	95% CI	N	Rate	95% CI
Limerick	3	0.72	0.00-1.54	6	1.39	0.28-2.51	1	0.25	0.00-0.75	1	0.25	0.00-0.75	11	0.67	0.28-1.07
Galway	5	1.91	0.24-3.59	2	0.69	0.00-1.65	3	1.14	0.00-2.43	1	0.38	0.37-1.13	11	1.02	0.42-1.63
Letterkenny	0	0	--	0	0	--	1	0.67	0.00-1.98	0	0	--	1	0.16	0.00-0.48
Mayo	1	0.71	0.00-2.09	2	1.3	0.00-3.11	1	0.73	0.70-2.15	2	1.46	0.00-3.49	6	1.05	0.21-1.90
Portlincul	1	0.71	0.00-2.11	1	0.69	0.00-2.03	0	0	--	1	0.73	0.00-2.16	3	0.54	0.00-1.15
Sligo	1	0.75	0.00-2.23	0	0	--	2	1.61	0.00-3.85	1	0.83	0.00-2.44	4	0.77	0.02-1.53
All hospitals	74	1.3	0.10-1.60	58	0.96	0.71-1.21	58	1.06	0.79-1.34	51	0.94	0.68-1.19	241	1.07	0.93-1.20

National Women & Infants Health Programme

W115Q4278	Can the HSE confirm when and what services are going to be operated in the Old Aras Mhuire CNU in Tuam, what extra staff will be in place there?	Cllr D Killilea
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At present the Galway East City & County ICPOP team have their clinical and office space in part of the Aras Mhuire building.

The team is made up of the following:

- Geriatric Consultant (0.5WTE)
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Nurse Specialist x2
- Senior Occupational Therapist

- Senior Physiotherapist
- Senior Dietitian (0.5WTE)
- InterRAI Care needs Facilitator
- Physiotherapy Assistant
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Operational Lead
- Assistant Staff Officer

We are currently running clinics here in our hub on Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday's onsite (with the exception of every second Tuesday in Merlin Park/ every second Thursday in Loughrea)

We are also providing cognitive stimulation group classes from our OT/OTA and Postural Stability classes from our PT and PTA (mainly on Wednesday's)

The National Integrated Care Programme for Older Persons' continues to develop end-to-end pathway that describes cohesive primary, secondary and acute care services for older people, with a specific focus on those with more complex needs and frailty. Our region has in operation **ICPOP Teams & Frailty at the Front Door (FFD)** Teams as part of the ECC Programme.

Under a Sláintecare pilot project, the Galway team was developed to provide Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment and Care for Older People in CHW in a community setting through the implementation of the **ICPOP '10 Step Framework'**. The multi-disciplinary team will focus on developing integrated pathways for patients with Cognitive Impairment / Falls / Frailty. This initiative has been mainstreamed under the ECC umbrella and is providing great learning and support for the evolving ICPop teams across the region.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4279	Can the HSE confirm the total cost of the CNU in Tuam and what costs have been incurred for works done post opening for the HIQUA registration process.	ClIr D Killilea
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The following table summarises the funding drawn down for the project from beginning of design phase in 2018 right through to completion in 2023/2024

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Contracted)
Funding	0.06	0.29	0.37	2.87	17.13	3.98	0.22	0.38

We do not report on funding post-handover although there is an allocation of €380k for 2025 to cover retention and some other final project related costs

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W115Q4280	Can the HSE confirm what residential/ homes/care units are currently owned/rented/leased by them in the Galway area. Are any vacant for any longer than 3 months?	ClIr D Killilea
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The HSE own and lease the following residential units and one day care centre in County Galway, currently there are no vacant properties. The former Áras Mhuire Community Nursing Unit (CNU) is now being utilised for HSE Clinical Services.

Older Persons Services	Aras Mhic Dara CNU	Carraroe, Co Galway
Older Persons Services	Aras Ronan CNU	Kilronan, Inismor, Aran Islands, Co Galway
Older Persons Services	Clifden District Hospital	Clifden, Co Galway
Older Persons Services	St Francis Day Care	Newcastle Road Galway
Older Persons Services	Joe & Helen O'Toole CNU	Tuam, Co. Galway

Older Persons Services	Aras Mhuire CNU –closed	Tuam, Co Galway used by other HSE Services
Older Persons Services	Unit 5 & 6, Merlin Park CNU	Merlin Park, Galway
Older Persons Services	St Brendan's CNU	Loughrea, Co Galway
Older Persons Services	Ballinasloe CNU	Ballinasloe, Co Galway
Older Persons Services	Boyle CNU	Boyle Co Roscommon
Older Persons Services	Sacred Heart Hospital Roscommon	Roscommon
Older Persons Services	Aras Mathair Pol CNU	Castlerea , Co Roscommon
Mental Health Services	Buaile Ceonin	Carraroe, Co Galway
Mental Health Services	Sycamore House	Clifden Co. Galway
Mental Health Services	Carna Health centre	Letterdeskert, Carna, Co.Galway
Mental Health Services	Renvyle Health Centre	Tully, Renvyle Co. Galway
Mental Health Services	Bredagh House	Ballybane Road , Galway City
Mental Health Services	AAMHU	Galway University Hospital Campus
Mental Health Services	Woodview	Merlin Park Hospital Campus
Mental Health Services	Acorn House	Bothar Le Cheile, Westside Galway City
Mental Health Services	Tulla Hill Hostel	Loughrea, Co. Galway
Mental Health Services	The Meadows Ballinalsoe	Ballinalsoe, Co. Galway
Mental Health Services	MHID Hostel Kiltormer	Kiltormer, Co. Galway
Mental Health Services	MHID Hostel Oldtown	Athlone – leased
Mental Health Services	MHID Hostel Church Street	Ballinalsoe
Mental Health Services	MHID Hostel Creagh	Ballinalsoe
Mental Health Services	MHID Hostel St Josephs	Ballinalsoe
Mental Health Services	MHID Hostel Beechaven	Ballinalsoe
Mental Health Services	MHID Hostel Kilgarve	Ballinalsoe
Mental Health Services	MHID Hostel Maple Lodge	Ballinalsoe
Mental Health Services	MHID Hostel Walnut Grove	Ballinalsoe
Mental Health Services	Aishling House Hostel	Tuam
Mental Health Services	Brook House	Mountbellew – leased
Mental Health Services	Treanrevagh,	Mountbellew – leased
Mental Health Services	Riverview High Support Hostel	Ballinalsoe
Mental Health Services	Tighe na gCarad Hostel	Castlerea, Co Roscommon

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4281	Please confirm whether a formal HSE investigation has been launched into the “Missing Person” incident that occurred on or about 1 st February 2025 at St. John’s Unit, which is located at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Castlebar, but which is managed by Mayo University Hospital, to identify the underlying causes for the incident.	Cllr M Kilcoyne
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Patient safety is always a priority and every effort is always made to locate a patient. We include family and the Gardai to assist in the location of a patient, where necessary. It is important to also note that our sites are not locked and patients are free to go outside and we advise all patient’s to notify staff if they are leaving the ward prior to doing so to prevent unnecessary concern.

This incident has been thoroughly reviewed as part of the internal incident management process within Mayo University Hospital (MUH) and in line with the Incident Management Framework. Patient safety remains a priority focus in MUH and all absconscion incidents are reported and investigated under the Incident Management process.

MUH has a detailed policy to follow when a patient goes missing, in the event that a patient leaves the hospital and does not advise staff of their intent this policy is followed. Where there is an identified risk of a patient being vulnerable of risk absconding there are extra measures put in place to maintain their safety.

If a patient leaves the site and is identified as missing an incident is raised and this then follows the incident management process. Where there is specific learning or changes required from these incidents then these are actioned as quality improvements.

It is important to note that hospital staff have no authority or legal right to prevent an adult patient with capacity from leaving a ward or the hospital. The main exceptions include children and a person detained under the Mental Health Act; patients who have been deemed to lack the mental capacity to act and make decisions in their own right.

M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

W115Q4282	Please confirm the staffing profile in situ in St. John's Unit on the day in question, 1 st February 2025, i.e. the make up of the multi-disciplinary team. The MUH Information Booklet states that the Unit has Consultant presence, 24 hour medical cover and a full multidisciplinary team. Was all of this in place on the day in question?	ClIr M Kilcoyne
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Yes, a multi-disciplinary team presence was in place on the date in question. There were 5 Registered General Nurses, 2 Health Care Assistants, 1 Non Consultant Hospital Doctor. 1st of February was a Saturday so there was no Consultant physically onsite and the Health and Social Care Professional staff were not on site. If it were on a Monday there would have been OT Physio and potentially a social worker. This would be in line with most wards in the hospital.

M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

W115Q4283	In relation to the capital projects at Mayo University Hospital, please outline the projects that are scheduled to be completed over the next 3 years ie by 31 st December 2027.	ClIr M Kilcoyne
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There are no major capital projects due for completion at MUH by the end of 2027. The new Emergency Department and AMAU is currently in Stage 2c Detailed Design. The estimated date for the completion of the construction phase is Q4 2028. Operational Stage will follow this date (TBC). There will be a programme of minor capital works ongoing each year in the hospital

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W115Q4284	Does the HSE intend to carry out an investigation into the number of still births at Mayo University Hospital in 2023?	ClIr M Kilcoyne
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In accordance with hospital policy and in line with the HSE Incident Management process, a Preliminary Assessment Review (PAR) of all stillbirths are completed.

Any loss of a baby is a devastating and traumatic event for parents and families. However, at this time, based on available quality and safety information, there is no indication that MUH is an outlier for these occurrences.

In the Irish Maternity system, the perinatal mortality rate is measured as a very important measure of obstetric and neonatal care. Stillbirths account for 66% of all perinatal deaths. The national measurement systems operate at both individual maternity service level and at national level. The rates found are benchmarked against best international practice, with the perinatal deaths included encompassing stillbirths, the loss of a baby during labour and the loss of a baby up to seven days after birth. Based on the data and quality and safety information available, the rate at Mayo University Hospital is within national norms.

Of those stillbirths experienced by woman and their families, most are caused by specific placental anomaly or by a major congenital anomaly. In these specific circumstances, there is often very little that could have been done to avoid these tragic outcomes. Care and management in these circumstances is primarily targeted at supporting the family through their grief and endeavouring to provide women and their families with much needed answers so that they are supported to make decisions about any future pregnancies.

All incidences of stillbirth are monitored and discussed at local level in individual maternity services with engagement and reporting also taking place at regional level through maternity networks and their relevant quality and patient safety structures in terms of overall numbers, specific circumstances of individual cases etc. In some cases of stillbirth, a determination may be made that an external review is needed, and this will be commissioned by the hospital itself.

It is important to note that reviewing adverse outcomes is a standard practice in healthcare. These reviews are commissioned and conducted to facilitate learning and improve the quality of care. The fact that a case is under review does not necessarily imply that there was any deficiency in the care provided.

The quality and safety of our maternity services is of critical importance to the HSE and we want to do all we can to ensure the safety of women and their babies in the antenatal and postnatal period.

Over the last ten years there has been sustained focus and investment in developing our maternity services and making them safer. Since 2016 more than €70million has been invested in maternity services in Ireland. This has enabled us to develop new services, to access new technology and develop better facilities. We have also greatly increased the number of staff working in our maternity services across all staff categories and this includes the appointment of Directors of Midwifery, additional Consultant Obstetricians and quality and safety managers in our 19 maternity units.

In terms of assuring and supporting safety in the services, it is important to note that the performance of maternity services is reported and monitored across a range of metrics which account for multiple aspects of maternity care.

MUH in 2023

There were seven stillbirths in Mayo University Hospital in 2023, five of these occurred in the last three months of the year. Based on the Irish Maternity Indicator System (IMIS) report for 2023, Mayo University Hospital perinatal mortality rate is within the national range.

- The rates for total and adjusted still births in Mayo University Hospital were in line with the National average in 2023
- As per the national incident management framework, all seven underwent local preliminary review.
- Two met the definition for serious reportable incidents (SRE) and full external reviews were commissioned on these cases.
- There were no indications of commonalities in these cases.
- One of these reviews has been completed and shared with the family and the second is underway.

M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

W115Q4285	Please provide an update on the progression for sale or development of HSE property St Brigid's hospital campus, whether any bids or expressions of interest have been received and if a timeline has been set for completion of the sale, including any conditions or restrictions attached to the sale that the public should be aware of	CIlr E F Parsons
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HSE Estates are currently engaged in the procurement of a Sales Agent for the St. Brigid's campus. This procurement process will be via eTender, with the expectation being that a suitable agent will be appointed in Q2.

Thereafter, the appointed agent will place the properties on the open market and run a suitable marketing campaign in relation to the Campus and ancillary lands, which will most likely involve signage, online and possibly print advertising. Sales conditions, restrictions, timeframes etc will be developed in conjunction with the agent after appointment.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

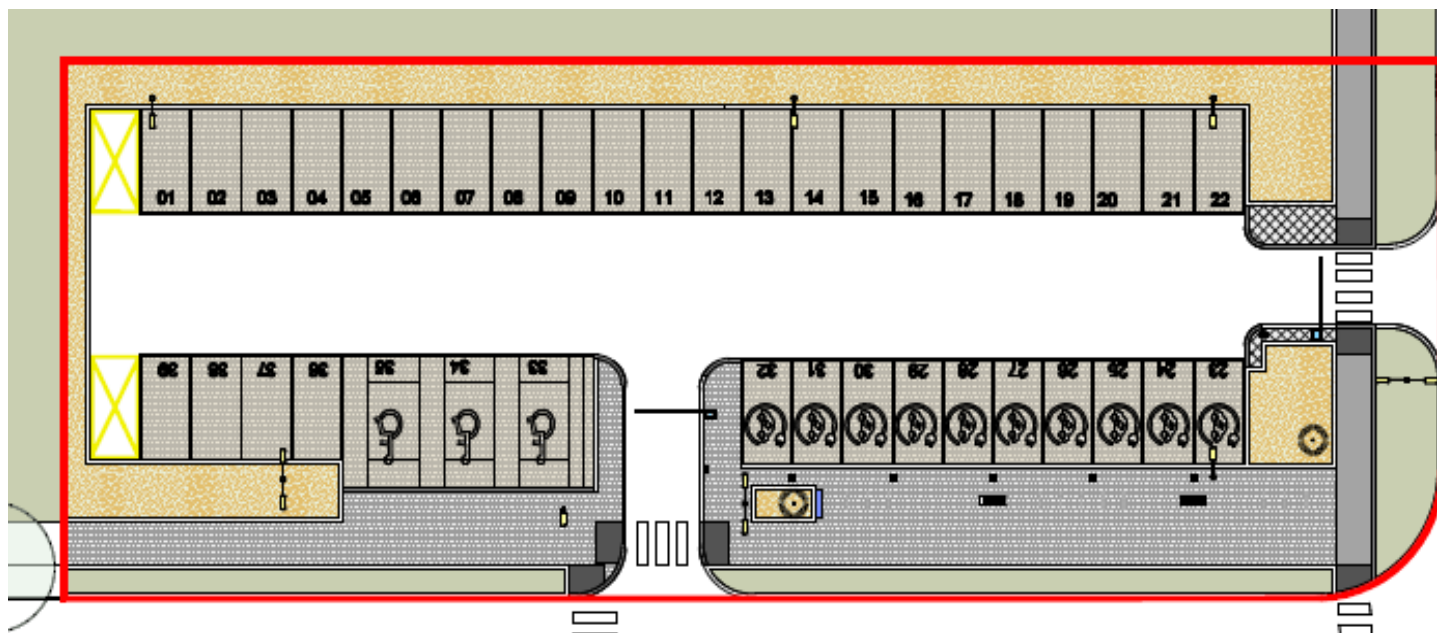
W115Q4286	Please provide an update on the review of Maternity Services at Portiuncula University Hospital	ClIr E F Parsons
<p>There are currently nine individual reviews in progress.</p> <p>The two 2023 reviews are nearing completion and will be shared with the families in the first instance.</p> <p>Five of the reviews in 2024 are expected to be completed in Quarter 2.</p> <p>The two remaining reviews, relating to incidents that occurred in late 2024 and 2025, are in the preliminary stages of review.</p> <p>A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon</p>		
W115Q4287	Please provide to the Forum the National Ambulance Service (NAS) five-year workforce plan for paramedics and advanced paramedics detailing any proposed staffing increases serving the Ballinasloe and Portiuncula University Hospital catchment area. Given the current reliance on a single ambulance in Ballinasloe during night time hours to cover this extensive region, coupled with ongoing population growth, new housing developments, and a significant elderly demographic, there is rising concern about the adequacy of emergency medical services aimed at enhancing ambulance coverage and response times in this area."	ClIr E F Parsons
<p>Overall staffing levels within the National Ambulance Service (NAS) have increased by over 400 people since December 2019. Over 400 existing staff are registered with the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) as an Advanced Paramedic. However, there is no specific employment grade within the HSE called Advanced Paramedic and a variety of grades of staff may be registered as an Advanced Paramedic. Hence, the HSE, following sanction from the Department of Health, has created a new employment grade, called Specialist Paramedic, to address how staff with MSc. level education, are employed and deployed to meet patient' needs.</p> <p>Health services in Ireland continue to see a considerable growth in older patients with more 999 patients needing interventions and clinical decisions which are not within the scope of practice of either Paramedics or Advanced Paramedics. In this context, PHECC has developed a Framework for Community Paramedicine in Ireland while NAS has prioritised education capacity on both growing the Paramedic workforce to improve access for patients, and the development of Community Paramedics who have the capacity to treat patients in the community setting and thus avoid an unnecessary ED attendance.</p> <p>To facilitate the broader implementation of this transformation of urgent and emergency care, the HSE and relevant trade unions are engaging under the auspices of the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC), on a range of matters including how Advanced Paramedics are graded and deployed. The outcome of this work is expected to enable a re-calibration of educational priorities, including the commencement of an MSc. in Specialist Practice (Community) programme in September 2025 and an MSc. in Specialist Practice (Advanced) programme in 2026</p> <p>In the West/North West Region, planning is conducted on a regional basis, with ongoing efforts to develop additional service improvements for 2026. This year, a key focus is on expanding Community Paramedic services in Galway, Mayo, and Roscommon, as well as further strengthening Intermediate Care services across the region.</p> <p>JJ McGowan, Chief Ambulance Officer - West</p>		
W115Q4288	Could the HSE outline what measures will be taken - temporary and permanent - to address the severe parking shortages at Merlin Park Hospital Outpatients, where insufficient parking is currently available, and to improve traffic safety and flow at the hospital' s main entrance?	ClIr E F Parsons
<p>There are currently 73 spaces dedicated parking spaces (including 6 disability spaces) outside of the new Outpatients building in Merlin Park University Hospital (since February 2025). There is pay and display parking to ensure parking is available for patient use.</p>		

There are 39 additional parking spaces which will be provided in the near future on the site as part of the Surgical Hub project.

Further proposals are being considered by HSE Estates.

I wish to advise that on the **20th March 2025**, the phase 1a carpark west of the surgical hub will be available for use by staff and patients / visitors.

Please note that this will be a temporary measure until the Surgical Hub is operational, further communications will issue at that time regarding its use.



A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4289	Can the NAS confirm the number of staff employed in the Midwest region and provide a breakdown by grade	Cllr M Howard
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The National Ambulance Service (NAS) HSE Mid-West serves people of the Mid-West through a highly skilled workforce, a fleet consisting of emergency ambulances, intermediate care vehicles and rapid response vehicles. The Mid-West also has a large number of alternative care pathways, including but not limited to Community Paramedic, Pathfinder and the Alternative Prehospital Pathway, these resources serve the people of the Mid-West offering a multitude of alternative pathways for care. NAS Staff employed in HSE Mid West can be broken into two separate categories, those that fall within the remit of NAS HSE MW Operations, in addition to the frontline operations staff there are a number of national NAS posts based and working in the Mid West Region. These national posts are part of different directorates and operational support elements.

NAS HSE MW Operations Staff

Grade	Number of Staff at each grade
0041 General Manager	1
0558 Grade IV	3
0574 Grade VI	1
0582 Grade VII	3
0609 Clerical Officer	1
3188 Paramedic, Specialist	4

3190, 3194, 3195, 6453, 6463, 6464 – Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician	160
6015 Multi-Task Attendant	1
6133, 6453 Intermediate Care Operative	15
Total	189

NAS National Posts based in the MW

Grade	Number of Staff at each grade
Clinical Director	1
Head of Service	1
0041 General Manager	2
Grade VI Tactical Managers	6
Grade VIII Emerging Threat Team lead	1
0558 Grade IV	2
0558 Grade V	1
0582 Grade VII	2
Assistant Director of Nursing	1
Education, Competency & Assurance Officer	3
Total	20

Niall Murray, General Manager Area Operations, NAS

W115Q4290	Of the 32,900 callouts in the Midwest in 2024 how many patients were brought to UHL how many to alternative destinations (please specify)	Cllr M Howard
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The National Ambulance Service responded to a total of 32,900 calls in the Mid West in 2024, this is number is reflective of calls activated upon and but does not reflect the total number transported to hospital. Please see the tables below which outline the total number of patient transport to ED in UHL by NAS in 2024, total number of patient transport to MAUs in St John’s, Nenagh and Ennis by NAS in 2024 and the number of patients referred through alternative pathways by NAS in 2024.

No. of Patients transported to UHL by NAS in 2024	
Total	24,580

No. of Patients transported to MW MAUs by NAS in 2024	
Total	430

No. of Patients Referred through an Alternative Pathway by NAS in 2024	
Community Paramedic	362
Alternative Prehospital Care Car	505
Pathfinder	329
Total	1,196

Niall Murray, General Manager Area Operations, NAS

W115Q4291	In relation to University Hospital Limerick and Galway University Hospital: Can you confirm nurse to patient ratio for both the ED and the hospital in general and how do you maintain those ratios when in patient surge beds are occupied	Cllr A Baker Bashua
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Safer Staffing has been implemented in the Emergency Department (ED) and on all wards at University Hospital Limerick.

The Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix is an evidence-based approach to determining nurse staffing levels that puts safety and patient needs first, focusing on delivering positive patient outcomes

In relation to the management of surge beds, nurse leadership assign staff based on professional judgement and clinical need.

I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West

The determination of correct staffing levels at ward level is influenced by a number of factors including patient needs, nurse staffing and organisational elements. GUH uses a software system called *Trendcare* to measure the care hours required per patient, which also forms part of our safe staffing plan.

Trendcare is an acuity tool that measures nursing hours available with patient acuity and calculates the variance between the two and ensures there is safe staffing, this allows us to review current Whole Time Equivalents on the wards.

During periods of escalation, whereby additional nurses may be required and staffing deficits arise, agency nurses are employed to support the service.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4292	To ask Galway University Hospital to record for a period of 28 consecutive days the home county (Clarification received County Clare requested) for all patients presenting at the emergency department and to come back with the results to the May RHF meeting	Cllr A Baker Bashua
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We can confirm that 160 patients with an address in County Clare attended the Emergency Department in February 2025.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4293	Re Outpatient Services, can we get a list of what Outpatient Clinics are provided in County Clare, how regularly are clinics held and what the waiting lists are for the services in question and what the average rate of non-attendance is for OPD appointments in the Midwest in general	Cllr A Baker Bashua
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Please see below clinics provided in the Outpatient Department in Ennis and the frequency of same:

Clinic	Frequency
CNS-led Heart Failure Clinic	Weekly
ANP-led Rheumatology Clinic	Weekly
ANP-led Respiratory Clinic	Weekly
CNS-led Respiratory Clinic	Weekly
CNS-led Diabetic Clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Rheumatology	Weekly
Consultant-led General Surgery Clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Paediatric Clinic	Twice monthly
Consultant-led ENT Clinic	Twice monthly
Consultant-led Endocrinology clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Orthopaedic clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Epilepsy clinic	Monthly
Consultant-led General Medicine clinic	Three weeks per month
Consultant-led Nephrology clinic	Three weeks per month

Consultant-led Urology Clinic	Three weeks per month
Consultant-led Cardiology Clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Gynaecology Clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Gastroenterology Clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Palliative Care Clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led General Medicine Clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Dermatology Clinic	Monthly
Consultant led Maxillofacial Clinic	Monthly
Consultant-led General Surgery Clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Endocrinology Clinic	Monthly
Antenatal Clinic	Weekly
Consultant-led Vascular	Fortnightly
Consultant-led Diabetes	Weekly
Consultant-led Respiratory Clinic	Monthly
STD clinic	Weekly
Warfarin clinic	Weekly
MSK Physiotherapy	Weekly
Phlebotomy	Weekly
Nephrology bloods	Fortnightly
Diabetic Dietician	Weekly
Smoking cessation	Weekly
Community Midwife	Weekly
Pulmonary Fibrosis	Monthly
Gynaecology Physiotherapy specialist	Weekly

There are four specialities in Ennis which had waiting lists as of December 2024 as follows:

Specialty	Number of patients waiting
Rheumatology	63
Cardiology	884
General Medicine	69
Paediatrics	59

Please note all other specialties are managed centrally by our regional Central Referrals Office.

I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West

W115Q4294	How many Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists are employed by HSE Midwest in the community or in Outpatient clinics and how many are directly employed in each of the hospitals in HSE Midwest and are these in addition to those in outpatient clinics are, and is it the same staff which do both? Can we get a breakdown by County please	Cllr A Baker Bashua
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Please see below the number of approved WTE physiotherapists in acute hospitals across HSE Mid West:

Physiotherapists WTE	
Ennis Hospital	2.2
University Hospital Limerick	14.2
Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	9.5
Nenagh Hospital	3.6
Total	29.5

Staff working in each hospital provide support to inpatients and also provide outpatient appointments in disciplines such as oncology, respiratory, paediatrics, orthopaedics, vestibular, rheumatology and pain medicine.

Please see below the number of approved WTE occupational therapists in acute hospitals across HSE Mid West:

Occupational Therapists WTE	
Ennis Hospital	2
University Hospital Limerick	34.5
Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	3
Nenagh Hospital	2.7
St John's Hospital	1
University Maternity Hospital Limerick	0.5
Total	43.7

These staff provide support to inpatients and to outpatient clinics across our hospital sites.

I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West

Number of physiotherapists and occupational therapists employed by community services in the HSE Mid West:

Grade	Care Group	Clare	Limerick	Tipperary	Total
Occupational Therapist	Disability	1.53	1.00	0	2.53
	Mental Health	4.27	7.56	0	11.83
	Older Persons	0	4.96	0	4.96
	Primary Care	2.64	7.68	3.96	14.28
Occupational therapist, manager	Mental Health	0.96	1.00	0	1.96
	Older Persons	0.96	0	0	0.96
Occupational Therapist, Senior	Disability	1.99	2.74	0	4.73
	Mental Health	2.48	8.02	0.92	11.42
	Older Persons	3.55	3.85	1.66	9.06
	Primary Care	7.01	19.73	8.88	35.62
Occupational Therapist-in-charge III	Primary Care	1.00	1.00	1.68	3.68
Physiotherapist	Disability	1.00	0	1.00	2.00
	Older Persons	0	2.74	0	2.74
	Primary Care	1.65	4.88	1.00	7.53
Physiotherapist Manager	Older Persons	0	1.00	0	1.00
Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	Primary Care	0	2.76	0.85	3.61
Physiotherapist, Senior	Disability	3.29	0.91	0.46	4.66
	Older Persons	2.39	7.94	1.85	12.18
	Primary care	8.80	26.88	9.52	45.20

Physiotherapist -in-charge (Grade III)	Primary Care	0.88	1.00	1.00	2.88
Total		44.40	105.65	32.78	182.83

Maria Bridgeman, IHA Manager, HSE Mid West

W115Q4295	The latest feedback that the children hospital has been delayed again due to increase costs and that staff would not be in place until 2027 Which is now at least 2 years delay on what we were told on our Visit by the Regional health forum members last year and when appropriate can we visit the hospital again.	Cllr F Gurn
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In February 2024, Government approved an enhanced budget of €1.88bn for the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board for the design, build and equipping of the new children's hospital project. The main contractor BAM has committed to a substantial completion date of June 30, 2025. The National Paediatric Hospital Development Board is continuing to engage with BAM to ensure that the new children's hospital reaches substantial completion as soon as possible and to the specifications set out in the Contract.

Once substantial completion is achieved, the hospital will be handed over to CHI for a post-substantial completion operational commissioning period of nine months.

National Paediatric Hospital Development Board

W115Q4296	The frustration by family members trying to get home help hours for their family members to stay at home and not end up in nursing homes because of lack of care workers been taken on due to health care freeze has left families in total Limbo. When will additional health care assistants be recruited in Leitrim to address the waiting list for home help hours?	Cllr F Gurn
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The HSE Home Support Service aims to support older people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible and to support informal carers. The HSE recognises the valuable contribution of carers who care for family members, relatives and friends.

In addition to the care being provided by family, carers, Day Care Centres and the Meals on Wheels Service, the Home Support Service assists clients by providing personal care services as per the Schedule of Care tasks, which are specific to each client's individual assessed clinical needs.

Home Support is provided to a total of 539 service users in County Leitrim. In addition to this, 97 people avail of Meals on Wheels Services with 116 people availing of Social Day Centres funded by the HSE. 62 people avail of sitting services and 20 people avail of overnight services.

With regard to the recruitment of additional health care assistants, please be advised that between January 1st 2024 and February 25th 2025, a total of 21 new HCAs (Home Support) were recruited to the HSE across Sligo Leitrim & West Cavan. Currently, the Home Support Service in Sligo, Leitrim & West Cavan is running a rolling recruitment campaign for HCAs. The Home Support office for the region have met with private providers regarding their recruitment plans and identification of geographical areas being targeted for recruitment to further build capacity.

J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan

W115Q4297	Can you ask Galway University Hospital to clarify when they say "private capacity was used in the bon and Galway clinic every day in December" how many bed are we talking about? A total for the month would be fine. Just trying to get an idea of how they deal with high levels of presentations	Cllr J Ryan
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A total of 842 private bed days were occupied for the month of December (including both the Bon Secours and Galway Clinic).

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4298	Can you please give an update on the feasibility study being carried out to assess the suitability of setting up a Surgical hub at Sligo University hospital? When will the feasibility study be completed? If approved what will be the next stage and what kind of timelines can be expected?	Clr E McSharry
<p>A business case supporting the implementation of a West and North West Surgical Hub was submitted to HSE in February 2024. Under the current programme for Government, it is noted the requirement to “explore the provision of an additional Surgical Hub for the Northwest”.</p> <p>HSE West Northwest is currently updating the business case which is expected to be submitted nationally by early April to assist with this decision making process. Also of note, within the business case a greenfield site has been identified as potential development location for a Surgical Hub if this was approved in due course.</p> <p>J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan</p>		
W115Q4299	Can you please give an update when the special purpose cancer bus will be purchased for the transport of patients from Sligo to GUH.	Clr E McSharry
<p>Progress is being made in terms of identifying a suitable bus for purchase that will meet patient’s needs when travelling to and from Galway. A working group has been set up involving relevant charitable organisations, along with representatives from SUH, to progress with purchase of the bus. This will have toilet facilities and be wheelchair accessible. We hope to have clarification on when a bus will be available within the next 4 - 6 weeks.</p> <p>J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan</p>		
W115Q4300	Have the interviews occurred to fill the vacant consultants post for the Pain clinic at Sligo University hospital. Have patients on waiting lists for over a year been offered appointments at other facilities?	Clr E McSharry
<p>The shortlisting for the Consultant position in pain services will take place this week. The interview date will be determined following the shortlisting process. The interview date will be agreed when the board meet to carry out the shortlisting exercise.</p> <p>58 patients were outsourced to private hospitals for procedures. 256 OPD’s were outsourced which would not be any different to other years as the NTPF release CANS for these on a regular basis.</p> <p>J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan</p>		
W115Q4301	Has the Regional west northwest been allocated a sufficient budget from the HSE to provide adequate home support packages in terms of allocated hours for new service users and those who require additional hours when their care needs increase?	Clr E McSharry
<p>Older People’s Services: Home Support Hours from the National Service Plan 2025 target set at 24 million hours nationally of which 4,316,693 hours are for the RHA West and North West.</p> <p>Response for the West (Galway/Roscommon/Mayo) are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galway and Roscommon have been allocated a budget of €51,894,227 to provide 1.562 million hours. Mayo has been allocated €20,990,577 to provide 617,592 hours. Nationally the home support target hours has increased from 22 million to 24 million in the full year. <p>Disability Services: In 2023 €1.85m has been provided nationally to fund an additional 70370 PA hours which have been allocated based on population.</p> <p>For 2024 this was increased to €2m nationally to fund an additional 80,000 PA hours. In respect of CHO2 covering Galway, Mayo and Roscommon this equates to €176,000 funding for 2023 and €189,000 funding for 2024.</p>		

This represents a further investment year on year in this service in recent budgets.

Despite increases in investment there are still significant challenges in providing adequate home support packages to all service users.

Outside of budgetary issues, staffing shortages is an ongoing concern in this sector.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon/ M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

Older Persons Services

The National Service Plan (NSP) 2025 has provided the North West for an overall year end Home Support target of Hours of 1,452,172 in Donegal and 683,454 hours in Sligo Leitrim.

Outlined below are details for the 2025 home support Allocation and associated targets for the area.

Area	2025 Home Support Opening Allocation (€)	2025 Home Support Hours (full year)	2025 Target No of people in receipt (at year end)
Donegal	47,119,656	1,452,712	2,258
Sligo Leitrim	23,136,039	683,454	1,631

Throughout 2025 Service delivery will be monitored against the targets set on an ongoing basis.

Waiting lists for Home Support are currently operational in both Donegal and Sligo Leitrim which is directly impacted by the availability of Home Care staff for both HSE direct and through 3rd Party Providers. In the context of waiting list applications for new service / additional, hours are reviewed on a case by case basis and are subject to availability of home care staff.

Disability Services

Please see the table overleaf, which contains the requested information pertaining to the budget for Disability Service Home Support Packages in Donegal and Sligo/Leitrim Disability Services.

	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Expenditure
Home support provided by Outside agencies	€13,080,678	€10,949,839	€13,670,489
Additional budgets received in 2025:			
Home support rate increase	1,120,369		
Demographics Home support	69,942		
Intensive Home Support Packages	268,028		
Personal assistance	37,547		
Supported Living Packages	262,501		
Demographics Intensive Home support packages	104,946		
Demographics personal assistance	160,828		

Demographics supported living packages	106,678		
Total additional budgets received in 2025	€2,130,839		

While the budget has increased in 2025, if hours and rates remain consistent with 2024, there remains a budget deficit before any additional hours are allocated in 2025.

J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan/ D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W115Q4302	How many orthopaedic theatres are currently running in Merlin and are they all running at full capacity to improve waiting times?	Cllr S Forde
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The Orthopaedic Theatres in Merlin Park are funded for 20 sessions per week but are currently staffed for 14 sessions – active recruitment is ongoing to engage staffing to bring theatres to the full 20 sessions per week as funded.

Patients are being outsourced if accepted to Kingsbridge Hospitals in Derry & Belfast and also if suitable to the Galway Clinic and the Bon Secours.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4303	Ambulances that historically had mechanical issues that were based in Galway used to be repaired in Galway and I'm now led to believe that they now must be collected and brought to Limerick. How much extra is this costing the HSE and could it be the case that at any time Galway is left short an ambulance cover whilst we wait on back up from Limerick.	Cllr S Forde
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NAS Emergency Ambulances are built on a Mercedes Sprinter chassis. In order to maintain the inspection and warranty work these vehicles are repaired at authorised Mercedes dealers. The approved garage in Galway which had been used by NAS is no longer in a position to carry out repairs on our vehicles. As an alternative Mercedes Ireland/MDL are trying to sign a repair contract with another garage in the Galway

In order to keep the fleet in the Galway region mobile a number of actions have taken place:

- Mercedes Garages in Sligo, Cork, Offaly and Limerick were asked to repair additional NAS vehicles from the Galway catchment area
- A number of resilience EAs were placed into the Mid-West and West regions to allow for additional repair/travel time of vehicles having to travel further for repair.

NAS are working tirelessly to try establish an approved garage in the Galway region. Should any garage be willing I would ask that they contact MDL directly to begin the induction process for Mercedes Authorisation.

JJ McGowan, Chief Ambulance Officer - West

W115Q4304	How much is owed from Private Healthcare companies for patient care in all 3 Galway Hospitals. Please give a breakdown for each site specifically if possible.	Cllr S Forde
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Galway University Hospitals:

The outstanding debt in relation to PHI on direct payments scheme with **GUH** is as follows:

	GUH PHI Report February 2025
Un-Submitted Claims	€5,683,546
Submitted Claims	€13,146,235
TOTAL	€18,829,781

This is based on data available from the February PHI report as produced from the Centralised Reporting Solution.

Portiuncula University Hospital:

January - PUH : €1,616,216

February - PUH : €1,498,891

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4305	Can I have the number of days in 2023 and 2024 that Surge Protocols were triggered at all Hospitals in the Mid-West Region broken down by level of escalation and what triggered them in tabular form?.	Cllr S Morris
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Please see below the number of days that surge capacity was utilised across HSE Mid West hospitals during 2023 and 2024:

Hospital	2023	2024
University Hospital Limerick	365	364
Ennis Hospital	236	111
Nenagh Hospital	38	28

An escalation policy has been adopted by HSE Mid West acute hospitals to respond to periods of high demand for emergency care.

This allows us to better manage risk associated with variation in demand and/or available resources and to ensure that safe care can continue to be delivered to patients in the ED.

The internal escalation framework for the Emergency Department at UHL flows from and is compatible with the overall escalation framework for HSE Mid West acute hospitals to better ensure our response to periods of high demand.

Various triggers are set out in the escalation framework, arising from which staff will follow particular actions.

Such triggers include the number of patients present in the Emergency Department at any one time; the number of patients waiting to be seen; the number of admitted patients waiting for a bed; the acuity of the patients; the availability of staff and so on.

The framework is very much a dynamic tool and the level of escalation can change over the course of any given day.

Measures taken under our escalation plan include opening surge capacity; transferring patients on trolleys to our inpatient wards; additional ward rounds by medical teams to expedite discharges or identify patients suitable for transfer to Ennis, Nenagh and St John's Hospitals; working closely with our colleagues in the community in order to expedite discharges and regular review of scheduled care.

I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West

W115Q4306	Are there any gaps in providing Mental Health Care at Dromin Road in Nenagh, what are the gaps and when did the gaps become apparent and how are they being addressed and what staffing positions are vacant and since when?	Cllr S Morris
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The Community Mental Health Team (CMHT) in Nenagh comprises of Clinical, Consultant, Nursing, Therapy and Administration Staff. With such teams, there can be a turnover of staff due to promotions, resignations, sick leave, retirement, maternity leave, etc. Outlined below is the detail as requested.

Psychology**Background:**

Prior to February 2023, the psychology complement on the Nenagh CMHT was one senior clinical psychologist and one staff grade psychologist. The Nenagh staff grade psychology post became vacant in February 2023 and immediately went through a recruitment process and was expressed to national staff grade panels on two separate occasions (Q3 & Q4 2023). The post was not accepted by anyone on the panel. This staff grade position has now been approved for filling on February 19th 2025 and is currently in the recruitment process.

In addition a senior clinical psychology post has been accepted and the successful candidate is due to take up their position with a start date of 23 April 2025.

The staff grade psychology post is now going through recruitment.

The senior clinical psychology post has been filled.

Nursing

Background:

The clinical nurse specialist post became vacant in April 2023. Recruitment process was undertaken and I can confirm a candidate took up position on 3rd March 2025. Therefore, there are no nursing vacancies on the Nenagh CMHT.

The vacant position has now been filled.

Social Work

This post has become vacant recently and the social work manager is supporting the team.

Occupational Therapy:

Background:

The staff grade occupational therapy post became vacant in 2023. It was advertised for filling on three occasions and no candidate accepted the position. The Mental Health Service took the decision to upgrade the position to a 0.8 senior post to make it more attractive for filling. The post is now going through recruitment and we are confident of filling it as a senior post. We are currently working with HR to progress the filling of the vacancy.

This post is now going through recruitment.

Administration Staff:

Background:

A staff member 0.5 retired in June 2024 and approval for filling was received in December 2024 and filling of this post is going through the recruitment process.

This post is now going through recruitment

Maria Bridgeman, IHA Manager, HSE Mid West

W115Q4307	When is the contract for the step-down facility in Tyone Nenagh due to expire and will it be extended. Will the contract be available for public consumption under Freedom of information legislation? Was there a cost to decommissioning from a Nursing home to a medical facility and will there be a cost in turning it back to being a Nursing Home?	Cllr S Morris
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The contract for the Nenagh Rehabilitation Unit is due to expire in August 2025.

HSE Mid West is working towards a HSE-led model of service delivery which will include long term residential care services commencing in Q3 2025 for the current St Conlon's residents.

There was no cost to decommissioning the building from a nursing home to a medical facility and we do not anticipate any additional cost in preparation for use as a nursing home in the future.

Requests under FOI can be made to the HSE Mid West acute hospitals Information Governance Office at igo.ulhg@hse.ie who process FOI requests.

I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West

W115Q4308	Given the significant challenges and delays in diagnosing and treating endometriosis in Ireland, what specific steps are being taken to ensure that GPs,	Cllr S Morris
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	<p>Radiologists, and gynaecologists receive necessary training and resources to accurately diagnose and effectively treat all stages of endometriosis. What if any progress has been made across the Mid West region since Previous Minister for Health Stephen Donnelly guided the new framework for Endometriosis, which was due to be published in December 2024. Has this been done?</p>	
<p>Significant developments have occurred in HSE Mid West acute services regarding the treatment of endometriosis. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appointment of two consultants specialising in endometriosis. These consultants have been enhancing our capacity to manage complex cases. • Two monthly endometriosis clinics have been established in Ennis and University Hospital Limerick with a specialised physiotherapy service for endometriosis patients ensuring timely access to specialised care. <p>Recruitment of Specialists:</p> <p>The recruitment process for a clinical nurse specialist and a psychologist is currently underway, aiming to provide holistic support to patients.</p> <p>Service Development:</p> <p>Ongoing efforts are focused on expanding and improving endometriosis services, reflecting a commitment to addressing the needs of those affected.</p> <p>These initiatives demonstrate a concerted effort to reduce delays in diagnosis and treatment, and ensure that healthcare professionals receive the necessary training and resources to manage all stages of endometriosis effectively.</p> <p>In relation to the national framework announced by the Minister for Health in 2023, this will set out for the first time a defined clinical care pathway for women with endometriosis. The HSE's National Women and Infants Health Programme has led on the development of this national framework which will be implemented on a phased basis.</p> <p>The framework identifies how care for women in this area needs to be delivered, with this care spanning primary care to local hospital care to specialist complex care. It is anticipated that this national framework will be finalised and published during the course of 2025.</p> <p><i>I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West</i></p> <p>During 2023, the Minister for Health announced the development of the National Endometriosis Framework, which sets out for the first time a defined clinical care pathway for women with endometriosis. The HSE's National Women and Infants Health Programme has led on the development of this National Framework which will be implemented on a phased basis.</p> <p>The framework identifies how care for women in this area needs to be delivered, with this care spanning primary care to local hospital care to specialist complex care. It is anticipated that this national framework will be finalised and published during the course of 2025.</p> <p>Services</p> <p>The HSE has commenced the establishment of two supra-regional complex endometriosis services in Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) and Cork University Maternity Hospital (CUMH). Once all funded posts are recruited, services in the supra-regional sites will be multidisciplinary, with a focus on a holistic approach to care and with access to specialised surgery as and when clinically indicated.</p>		

These supra-regional services are designed to offer specialised care to severe and complex cases of endometriosis, which may incorporate surgery for deeply invasive endometriosis involving the bowel, bladder, ureter or outside of the pelvis. The HSE has estimated that approximately 350 severe cases per year would need treatment through the supra-regional endometriosis services.

The two supra-regional, complex endometriosis services will be supported by a network of five endometriosis hub services located across the country. It is envisaged that each hub will be positioned to provide interdisciplinary care to women experiencing endometriosis up to a moderate stage (women whose symptoms cannot be managed appropriately in primary care or in their local gynaecology service but who do not require the expanse of highly specialist services within the supra-regional services).

Allowing for a holistic care package for women in this area, which the HSE has identified as critical, additional personnel that are being invested in at both supra-regional and regional level include clinical nurse specialists, dietitians, physiotherapists and psychologists. Work to implement the five structured regional hub services has commenced, with further personnel to be recruited into these services this year.

Endometriosis Professional Network & National Information/Guidelines

To support the implementation of the framework, the HSE has established an Endometriosis Professional Network to help drive a standardised approach to endometriosis service delivery and care. Furthermore, the HSE National Clinical Guideline for the Assessment and Management of Endometriosis has now been finalised and is available on the National Women and Infant Health Programme's section of the HSE website. The HSE is also aware that the Irish College of General Practitioners is also currently working on educational documentation for GPs that will promote awareness of endometriosis and support GPs to recognise endometriosis.

Maria Bridgeman, IHA Manager for Limerick City and North Tipperary

W115Q4309	<p><u>HSE Lands at Toghermore Tuam</u></p> <p>In relation to the large holding of land at Toghermore, bequeathed to the HSE for the health of the people of Tuam, which could be developed as an equine center for children's disabilities and also as sports and services for local ladies' football, athletic and camogie clubs and the community in general.</p> <p>Question :</p> <p>Does the HSE have any objection to this land being transferred to an appropriate statutory body so these very important developments can take place and, if not, when will this be finalised?</p>	Cllr S Cunniffe
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The intention would be to commission a strategy report on the Toghermore land holding to ensure that all service needs are considered as part of the future plans for the site.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W115Q4310	<p>Joe and Helen O'Toole Community Nursing Home, Tuam.</p> <p>When is it expected that Respite and Palliative Care Beds will be available?</p> <p>And also, when are day care respite services for families expected to be available?</p>	Cllr S Cunniffe
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Joe & Helen O'Toole Community Nursing Unit is currently registered for fifty long-stay beds. However, there is flexibility in the capacity, and it is anticipated that respite and palliative care beds will be made available in the future.

The resumption of day care services is contingent on staffing which is expected to be in place by end of June 2025.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4311	<p>To ask the HSE Western Region the number of WTE job vacancies (in numbers) they currently have in all healthcare roles across all hospitals broken down by</p>	Cllr J Ryan
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	role ie Staff Nurse CNM1 CNM2 NCHD Consultants Radiographers Plebotomists Laboratory staff etc	
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HSE Mid West operates under the auspices of the national HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy 2024, where WTE baseline ceilings are founded on the 31st December 2023 position.

The HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy has been approved by the Department of Health and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

Under the strategy, the HSE Mid West Region has been provided with its own specified number of WTEs and can, within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts. This provides greater flexibility for health regions to respond to the needs of the population and prioritise posts appropriately. Recruitment is ongoing across all staff categories in the HSE Mid West.

It should be noted that acute hospital services within the HSE Mid West have received an uplift in staffing of 145.5 WTE for new service developments since January 2024.

The below table sets out the current level of vacancies in the main staff categories across acute services within the HSE Mid West. Note positive values in the variance column denote staff categories where the numbers in post are above the current funded ceiling. Negative values denote vacancies.

Acute Hospital Services by staff category	Current WTE Ceiling	Current WTE in post	Variance
Medical & Dental	848	805	-43
Nursing & Midwifery	2187.5	2157	-30.5
Management & Administrative	865.5	893	27.5
Health & Social Care Professionals	538.5	525	-13.5
Patient & Client Care	488	512	24
General Support	734	769	35
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Similar to any organisation, a significant part of vacancies which arise are due to shorter term leave types such as sick leave, maternity leave etc. and also in the form of natural attrition such as resignation and retirement. Presently, the labour market is very competitive particularly in the area of skilled medical personnel. This challenge is not unique to the HSE but rather is being felt on an international scale.

Total staffing numbers have increased significantly across our services in recent years. Employment reports [published on the HSE website](#) show overall staffing numbers increased by 34% within the HSE Mid West between December 2019 and December 2024.

I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West

Please find below details of vacant posts in the Hospitals across HSE West North West as of today, 21st March 2025. These posts have been approved for filling and are being actively recruited.

Hospital	Staff category	Vacancies @ 21st March 2025
Galway University	Medical & Dental	9
	Nursing & Midwifery	97.24
	Health & Social Care Professionals	35.33
	Management & Administrative	15.26
	General Support	16
	Patient & Client Care	8.44
	TOTAL	181.27
Letterkenny University	Medical & Dental	6
	Nursing & Midwifery	35
	Health & Social Care Professionals	5
	Management & Administrative	20
	General Support	11
	Patient & Client Care	13
	TOTAL	90
Sligo University	Medical & Dental	0
	Nursing & Midwifery	54.75
	Health & Social Care Professionals	9.7
	Management & Administrative	8.02
	General Support	11.31
	Patient & Client Care	10.13
	TOTAL	93.91
Mayo University	Medical & Dental	1.5
	Nursing & Midwifery	23.23
	Health & Social Care Professionals	6.6
	Management & Administrative	12.5
	General Support	1
	Patient & Client Care	2.5
	TOTAL	47.33
Portiuncula University	Medical & Dental	10
	Nursing & Midwifery	19.33
	Health & Social Care Professionals	3.7
	Management & Administrative	10.6
	General Support	4.21
	Patient & Client Care	3.32
	TOTAL	51.16
Roscommon University	Medical & Dental	0
	Nursing & Midwifery	7.52
	Health & Social Care Professionals	3.02
	Management & Administrative	3.6
	General Support	2
	Patient & Client Care	1
	TOTAL	17.14

M Ferguson, Regional Director of People HSE West and North West

W115Q4312

To ask UHL & GUH how many people left the ED without being seen (LBTC) in 2024

Cllr J Ryan

During 2024, 6,062 patients left the Emergency Department at University Hospital Limerick before completing their treatment.

This represents a slight decrease on the 6,144 such patients in this category in 2023 and a significant decrease of 40% since 2022.

The most recent available data shows that in the year 2025 to date, 6.9% of patients in UHL left ED before completion of care, compared to a national average of 6.1% and ahead of six of the eight major regional hospitals (range 7.3% - 14.1%).

Improving the patient experience at our Emergency Department is a priority for HSE Mid West. Emergency Departments (EDs) and their associated hospitals must clinically prioritise those who must be treated first, and those who may need to wait, or those who may need to attend a more appropriate care setting.

To ensure this process is clinically safe for patients, Irish hospitals use the internationally tested Manchester Triage Tool which prioritises patients into a number of categories based on their clinical needs. Where a patient is seriously ill or injured, their needs will be prioritised above those with less serious conditions. Ideally, hospitals would be in a position to treat patients on their arrival. However, as demand inevitably overtakes capacity, prioritisation and consequential waiting may occur. In this regard, some patients with less serious needs may choose to avail of alternative options.

This is not to minimise the frustration of the many patients who face long waits to see a doctor. We are committed to reducing patient experience times (PET) for admitted and non-admitted patients, and continue to promote alternative options to ED where this is appropriate.

I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West

The total attendances at the Emergency Department for 2024 were 81,027. Of this overall figure, 3,400 are recorded as 'Did not Wait to be Seen'.

The GP Liaison Nurse in the Emergency Department follows up all patients who did not wait for the ED Doctor assessment.

- This nurse will follow up all GP referrals regardless of their triage category. They email or phone the GP Practice to inform them that the patient did not wait and of any investigations that were undertaken. If the results were abnormal, they can email a copy of any results.
- The Nurse then follows up all the Triage category 1, 2 and 3 patients who self-refer and depending on their presentation, will decide if they need to contact the patient, contact their GP or inform any other services i.e. Psych Liaison, COPE/ Simon community, PHN etc.
- The GP Liaison Nurse also attends the Psychiatry Liaison ED huddle every morning where they discuss with the Psychiatry Liaison team, any psychiatric patients who have left without being seen from the ED the 24hrs previously.

There is a Standard Operating Procedure in place.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

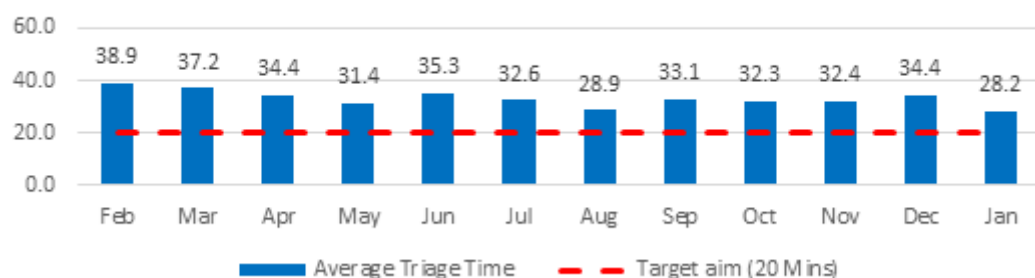
W115Q4313

To ask UHL & GUH the average wait time for triage in the ED in 2024 as well as the average time to be seen post triage for patients in Categories 1-5

Cllr J Ryan

The wait time for triage in the Emergency Department at University Hospital Limerick during 2024 was 33.56 minutes. The below shows a monthly average time to triage.

ED Time to Triage 2024/2025



Please see below the average wait time to be seen post triage by category during 2024:

Triage Category 1	32 minutes*
Triage Category 2	46 minutes
Triage Category 3	159 minutes
Triage Category 4	258 minutes
Triage Category 5	370 minutes

*Category one patients are typically brought directly by ambulance to the Emergency Department and are seen immediately in resus upon arrival.

I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West

In 2024, the average time from patient registration to triage was 33 minutes.

We do not hold records or data specific to the delays between time triaged and the time seen by the Physician. To ascertain this level of detail each patient record would need to be reviewed.

We currently monitor our Patient Experience Times and in accordance with our National KPIs, incidents are reported whereby >75 year old patients may be waiting >24 hrs.

We record the average patient experience times (hrs) for the patient categories 1-5:

Triage Category	PET (hrs)
C1- Immediate	6.68
C2- Very Urgent	10.75
C3 - Urgent	8.59
C4 - Standard	6.2
C5 - Non Urgent	5.85

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4314	At the last meeting we were told of 4 dentists accepting medical cards in Roscommon. Having contacted all of them I have been told that they are not accepting new patients. What solution is this forum putting in place to provide dentist services in Roscommon that accept medical cards?	Cllr S Moylan
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The HSE is aware of the difficulty with accessing Dental Services for medical card patients under the DTSS Scheme (Dental Treatment Services Scheme) and is actively trying to find solutions for this problem.

The HSE endeavours to keep the list of private dentists as up to date as practically possible.

Dental Treatment Services Scheme

W115Q4315	Aware that the Consultant CAMHS ID position for Sligo was approved by the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee on the 14th of May 2024; and aware that the post was advertised by the Public Appointments Service on the 18th of June 2024 without applications being received; and aware that the Service sent a request to the agency framework to explore whether a suitable consultant could be recruited pending ongoing recruitment efforts; and further aware that the post was filled by an Agency CAMHS ID consultant who commenced in the service on the 19th of November 2024, and resigned from the service on the 26th of November when he discovered there was no multidisciplinary team in place to operate the service; can the Forum be advised as to why efforts were made to have the Consultant CAMHS ID position approved when the HSE management was aware that there was no multidisciplinary team in place to provide the clinical service alongside the consultant; and can the Forum be advised what efforts are now being made to put the multidisciplinary support team in place.	Cllr D Bree
<p>The National Model of Care for CAMHS-ID outlines the roles of MDT members trained in supporting children with intellectual disabilities and mental disorders. The team includes a Consultant Psychiatrist, health and social care professionals, medical and nursing staff, and administrative support. While not all teams will start with full membership, the national CAMHS ID programme aims to establish baseline teams in all areas, including a Consultant Psychiatrist, Senior Psychologist, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and administrative support.</p> <p>In SLMHS, approvals for the recruitment of other MDT members are progressing through internal HSE processes, in addition to efforts to progress appointment of the team's Consultant Psychiatrist. This MDT would form the makeup of the CAMHS Intellectual Disability team.</p> <p>As the CAMHS ID MDT is established and becomes operational in Sligo/Leitrim Mental Health Services, the Consultant Psychiatrist will support joint CAMHS ID and CDNT therapy for children with complex disabilities, based on their assessed needs.</p> <p><i>J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan</i></p>		
W115Q4316	That the Forum be provided with an update on the Chronic Pain Service in Sligo University Hospital and the efforts made to fill the two vacant Consultant Anaesthetic posts in the service, and further to ask if patients on the Chronic Pain waiting list in Sligo and the region are being referred to pain clinics in other hospitals in the country, including the Six Counties, and the number of patients referred to other hospitals since June 2024.	Cllr D Bree
<p>Recruitment to fill these 2 vacant posts in the Pain service is actively ongoing.</p> <p>The shortlisting for the Consultant position in pain services is taking place this week. The interview date will be determined following the shortlisting process. The interview date will be agreed when the board meet to carry out the shortlisting exercise.</p> <p>58 patients were outsourced to private hospitals for procedures. 256 OPD's were outsourced which would not be any different to other years as the NTPF release CANS for these on a regular basis.</p> <p><i>J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan</i></p>		
W115Q4317	How many Occupational Therapists are currently employed in primary care teams in Sligo, how many vacancies are there, and what is the current waiting time for an appointment with an Occupational Therapist and what plans are in place to improve the service.	Cllr D Bree
<p><u>Primary Care Occupational Therapy Adult Services</u></p> <p>Primary Care Occupational Therapy (OT) Adult Services currently operates with a staff allocation of 7.94 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) OTs. However, this number was temporarily reduced to 6.94 WTE between November 2023 and January 2025.</p> <p>All adult referrals received by the Service, classified as Priority 1, are assessed within five working days.</p>		

Waiting times for all other categories are dependent on location and the number of Priority 1 referrals, being processed at any given time. The average waiting time for patients in non-Priority 1 categories is approximately four months.

To address these waiting times, the Primary Care OT Clinical Manager and the Community Healthcare Network Manager recently completed a service redesign aimed at reducing waiting times across all adult categories.

For adult service we have seen an increase in both referrals and attendances in last 6 months

As a snap shot of adult service (Adult services OT returned from Mat leave in Jan 2025):

In Aug 2024 Adults had 110 referrals and had 1 to 1 interventions for 106 adults.

In Jan 2025 Adults had 124 referrals and had 1 to 1 interventions for 157 adults

Paediatric Primary Care Occupational Therapy Services

The Paediatric Primary Care OT Services currently has a staff allocation, of 3.33 WTE, which is temporarily reduced to 1.5 WTE.

This reduction in WTE began in Q4 2024 and will extend until the beginning of November 2025.

All paediatric referrals are assessed on a priority basis. Currently, the waiting time to access Paediatric OT Services is between twelve and eighteen months.

In response to these extended waiting times the Primary Care OT Clinical Manager has introduced a telephone advice line for parents of children on the waiting list.

For paediatric service we have seen a reduction in attendances due to 2 x vacant posts:

In Aug 2024 Paeds OT had 1 to 1 interventions for 51 children.

In Jan 2025 Paeds OT had 1 to 1 interventions for 26 children.

The telephone advice clinics do not replace 1-1 interventions but are in place as a support for parents while they await appointments for their children.

Primary Care OT Services remain fully dedicated to comprehensively meeting the needs of all eligible adult and paediatric patients and regrets any delays caused because of reduced staffing levels.

However, it is important to note that the service must be delivered within the resource allocation and funding available, with the level of activity and associated costs being managed in a way that ensures people with the greatest need are supported within the overall expenditure of the delivery of services while not exceeding the available funding allocated.

J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan

W115Q4318		Can the Forum be provided with a list of all properties (land/buildings) in the ownership of the HSE in the Sligo/Strandhill Municipal District, the list to include address of the property and what the property is currently being used for.							Cllr D Bree	
Buildings										
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!	ID	Building	Property	Local Electoral Area	Town	County	Province	Tenure	Primary Use	Status
	SL0005_01	Acute Mental Health Unit Old, Saint Columba's Hospital	Acute Mental Health Unit Old - Site SL0005	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Mental Health	Active

	SL0187_01	Ballincar Seaview	Ballincar Seaview - Site SL0187	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0095_01	Ballytivnan Training Centre	Ballytivnan Training Centre (Activation Unit Workshop) - Site SL0095	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0119_01	Beech House	Beech House - Site SL0119	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Mental Health	Active
	SL0118_01	Ben View	Ben View - Site SL0118	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Mental Health	Active
	SL0118_02	Ben View, Garage	Ben View - Site SL0118	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Storage	Active
	SL0112_02	Block 2, No. 34 Greenfort Group Home	No. 34 Greenfort Group Home - Site SL0112	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Storage	Active
	SL0007_02	Chronic Disease Management hub, Clarion Road, Ballytivnan / Day Services	Horticultural Garden Centre - Site SL0007	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Community Health	Active
	SL0205_01	Cliath Mor, Ballydoogan	Cliath Mor, Ballydoogan - Site SL0205	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Revision In Progress
	SL0046_01	Drumiskabole Lodge	Drumiskabole Lodge - Site SL0046	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0093_01	Harmony Ballytivnan, Harmony Ballytivnan CGH	Harmony Ballytivnan - Site SL0093	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0007_01	Horticultural Garden Centre	Horticultural Garden Centre - Site SL0007	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0063_01	Jeddiah Ballinode	Jeddiah Ballinode - Site SL0063	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0135_01	Learning Disability Resource Centre Ballytivnan	Learning Disability Resource Centre Ballytivnan - Site SL0135	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0049_01	Markievicz House Community Care, Old Primary Care Centre	Markievicz House Community Care - Site SL0049	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Primary Care Building	Active
	SL0166_01	Molloway House	Molloway House - Site SL0166	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Acute	Active
	SL0050_01	No. 16 Cartron Heights	No. 16 Cartron Heights - Site SL0050	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0073_01	No. 17 Markievicz Heights	No. 17 Markievicz Heights - Site SL0073	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active

	SL0191_01	No. 19 Markievicz Heights	No. 19 Markievicz Heights - Site SL0191	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0188_01	No. 2 Hilltop Park (Daisy Meadows)	No. 2 Hilltop Park (Daisy Meadows) - Site SL0188	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0177_01	No. 2 Race Course Manor	No. 2 Race Course Manor - Site SL0177	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0108_01	No. 207 River Road Group Home	No. 207 River Road Group Home - Site SL0108	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0128_01	No. 30 Ocean Wave	No. 30 Ocean Wave - Site SL0128	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0112_01	No. 34 Greenfort Group Home	No. 34 Greenfort Group Home - Site SL0112	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0052_01	No. 36 Cedar Drive	No. 36 Cedar Drive - Site SL0052	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Mental Health	Active
	SL0057_01	No. 54 Avondale	No. 54 Avondale - Site SL0057	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Other - For Review	Active
	SL0058_01	No. 55 Avondale	No. 55 Avondale - Site SL0058	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Tusla	Active
	SL0029_01	No. 7 Markievicz Heights	No. 7 Markievicz Heights - Site SL0029	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0189_01	No. 8 Hilltop Park	No.'s 8-9 Hilltop Park - Site SL0189	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0189_02	No. 9 Hilltop Park	No.'s 8-9 Hilltop Park - Site SL0189	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0184_01	Pearse Road	Pearse Road - Site SL0184	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0100_01	Rusheen House Lios Na Nog	Rusheen House Lios Na Nog - Site SL0100	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Tusla	Active
	SL0003_01	Saint John's Hospital	Saint John's Hospital - Site SL0003	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Older Persons Services	Active
	SL0001_01	Sligo University Hospital	Sligo University Hospital - Site SL0001	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Acute	Active
	SL0139_01	Suaimhneas House	Suaimhneas House - Site SL0139	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0103_01	Thornvilla	Thornvilla - Site SL0103	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0111_01	Classiebawn Drive Group Home, No. 136 Classiebawn Drive	Classiebawn Drive Group Home - Site SL0111	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active

	SL0111_02	Classiebawn Drive Group Home, No. 137 Classiebawn Drive	Classiebawn Drive Group Home - Site SL0111	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active
	SL0130_01	No. 44 Mountain Close	No. 44 Mountain Close - Site SL0130	Sligo-Strandhill LEA	Sligo	Sligo	Connacht	Freehold	Disability Services	Active

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W115Q4319	When is the proposed 40 bed Community Nursing Unit for Clifden going to tender?	Cllr E Mannion
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The project is currently at Detailed Design after which the Bill of Quantities will be developed. At the end of this stage, approval must then be sought to issue tender documents to the market. It is expected that Detailed Design and Cost verification would be completed Q3 2025. Once approval to proceed to tender is received, the tender process will follow, currently scheduled to commence Q4 2025.

Tree felling was carried out in February 2025 and an enabling works package is planned to be progressed during summer/autumn 2025. An enabling works package is required to carry out the installation and alterations of site utility services and segregation of access routes for the operational Service and the Contractor prior to the main construction contract commencing. The phased enabling works are designed to minimise disruption to the existing operational Community Nursing Unit, whose Services will be maintained at St Anne's over the duration of the works.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W115Q4320	The opening of the Outpatients in Merlin Park on the 10th February is a welcome development but there are concerns in relation to parking and connectivity. (a) Has there been contact with Bus Eireann to ensure that there is an adequate service from Eyre Square to facilitate people using public transport to get to the city and need a connection to the hospital? (b) Why was there no plan put in place, before the opening of the unit, for parking to facilitate the extra numbers attending Merlin Park?	Cllr E Mannion
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There are currently 73 spaces dedicated parking spaces (including 6 disability spaces) outside of the new Outpatients building in Merlin Park University Hospital. There is pay and display parking to ensure parking is available for patient use.

GUH are working off a mobility management plan for the site. As part of this plan, we did link with Bus Eireann and notified them of the route change on the site (one way system) being introduced. We are served on the site by the 402 which runs on a frequent basis into the city and on to UHG and serves across the city as far as Knocknacarra. This bus runs every 30 minutes from 6.30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

We also provide a Hospital Shuttle Bus service which crosses the city every 20 minutes at peak times and every 30 minutes thereafter from UHG to MPUH and patients can avail of this service from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday. This is outlined on the Outpatient Appointment letters which are sent to all patients.

We are aware that there are city connect plans underway and as part of this we are informed that a link with Oranmore /train station will be provided.

There are 39 additional parking spaces which will be provided in the near future on the site as part of the Surgical Hub project. Further proposals are being considered for the site.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4321	Power cuts due to the recent storm exposed the vulnerability of many people living in their homes with the assistance of powered medical equipment i.e. beds, oxygen, wheelchairs etc.(a) Is there a register of the patients who depend on this equipment that can be used to ensure that these people get assistance in the case of power cuts? (b) Can a back up plan be put in place to ensure these patients are not left without the use of vital equipment?	Cllr E Mannion
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From the outset, Primary Care Services have acknowledged and understood the distress that the lack of power caused particularly to those most vulnerable in our society.

In advance of Storm Éowyn, HSE services had already considered the possible impacts on vulnerable clients and in so far as possible made alternative arrangements for their care.

Our Galway and Mayo Primary Care Occupational Therapy Department have a register of Hoist and Powered Wheelchair users as per the Pre Planned Maintenance Contract with Healthcare 21.

Galway, Mayo and Roscommon Public Health Nursing Department (PHN) has access to a register of local client's with electrical equipment. Galway Primary Care PHN collated a list of Service Users in advance of the onslaught of the storm who were in possession of Air Mattresses.

This list enabled the PHN Team to target those Service Users specifically and swap mattresses requiring power for alternative Foam Mattresses. The HSE Oxygen supplier was also involved in providing support to service users on oxygen therapy.

It was agreed at the After Action Review meeting post Storm Éowyn that a Register of High Risk Service Users with life-critical equipment would be developed that could then be cross referenced with Multi-Disciplinary Team.

The After Action Review determined that Information Leaflets/Escalation Plans will be developed for families and Service Users. These will cover equipment usage, preventative charging, battery life, alternatives for prolonged outages, priority life-critical equipment, and charging hub locations. Additionally, pre-text messages with advice for high-risk Service Users during a Red Warning are under consideration.

A Business Case is being developed for the purchase of generators for areas such as the Islands, Vaccine Centres located in Shantalla Newcastle Road Galway, Roscommon Primary Care Centre and Castlebar Primary Care Centre and rural isolated zones and there is also a plan to establish a network of wheelchair accessible charging hubs for life-critical equipment.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4322	Since the roll out of the Community Based mobile X-ray service how many patients have availed of the service in Connemara? Has the unit been available to respond to all call outs to Connemara? The service at present is for older patients in nursing homes, community facilities and in patients homes. Are there plans to expand this service to the general community?	Cllr E Mannion
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Mobile Medical Diagnostics have worked locally with the HSE Older People Services Team to ensure all GPs and Nursing Homes are aware of the mobile x-ray service. Since the service commenced in December 2023, we have visited 46 patients in nursing homes / CNU's (Carna, Aras Chois Fharraige, Aras Mhic Dara, Clifden/St Annes Nursing Unit). We also responded to 19 housebound referrals from GPs.

The unique nature of the service means we are mobile and responding to calls in all areas across Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. 91% of all urgent x-rays referred to us are performed within our service level agreement KPIs and our Consultant Radiologist reports are returned to the referrer within 4 hours of image acquisition on 97% of cases. The service unit covering Connemara spans across Mayo, Roscommon and Galway. We respond to all calls on a clinical urgency basis and if in the unlikely event that we cannot respond in a timely manner we communicate directly to the GP and Nursing Home or NOK where necessary.

Mobile Medical Diagnostics are a service provider on behalf of the HSE. They have advised that should they be requested to expand the service to serve the general community they are open to discussing this with the HSE, however, it would need to be in a fixed setting due to regulatory restrictions on mobile x-rays.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4323	I will ask for a detailed list of all staff currently employed at the adult diabetes clinic in University Hospital Limerick, specifying the post held by each individual.	Cllr E O'Donovan
<p>Please see below an update on staffing levels in the adult diabetes service in University Hospital:</p> <p>Consultants There are 4 WTE Consultant Endocrinologists in place at University Hospital Limerick, with a further 1 post currently being recruited for.</p> <p>Dieticians There is currently one senior dietician in post.</p> <p>Nursing There are 2.75 WTE clinical nurse specialists currently in post. There is one candidate advanced nurse practitioner in post for Integrated Care and one Advanced Nurse Practitioner in post for Acute Diabetes</p> <p>Administration There are 4 WTE administration staff supporting the diabetic service in University Hospital Limerick.</p> <p><i>I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West</i></p>		
W115Q4324	I will ask for an outline of the professional training provided to staff at University Hospital Limerick over the past two years in preparation for the introduction of Dose Adjustment For Normal Eating (DAFNE) and insulin pump therapy for adults in the Midwest.	Cllr E O'Donovan
<p>University Hospital Limerick became a Dose Adjustment For Normal Eating (DAFNE) accredited centre in 2023.</p> <p>This education programme gives patients with diabetes the necessary skills around insulin administration.</p> <p>The aim of the course is to improve health outcomes for type 1 diabetes patients by providing well-structured information and guidance.</p> <p>Please see below details of training provided to staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAFNE educator training was provided to diabetes dietitians. • DAFNE revalidation course undertaken by one dietitian in 2024. • There has been DAFNE educator attendance at DAFNE network meetings and webinars throughout the year. • One administration staff member completed DAFNE training in November 2023. • There are currently three certified DAFNE trainers in UHL. <p>A number of UHL doctors have also trained in DAFNE. We also have doctors on the specialist register in endocrinology and diabetes mellitus, with experience in insulin pump management.</p> <p>In 2023, dietitians attended a two-day course on insulin pump therapy delivered by Leicester Diabetes Team.</p> <p><i>I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West</i></p>		
W115Q4325	Please clarify why adults with Type 1 diabetes attending University Hospital Limerick are not yet offered insulin pumps as a treatment option, despite the presence of qualified staff to initiate pump therapy, and to outline the measures being taken to address this gap in service provision.	Cllr E O'Donovan
<p>We are at present unable to give a precise timeline for the commencement of pump initiation for adults within our service. This is due to a significant increase in activity in the existing diabetes and endocrinology services. Additional staffing and</p>		

resources particularly in dietetics will be required to commence this service, this will be partially addressed with the imminent recruitment of a further consultant in Endocrinology

We do, however, accept patients established on pumps from elsewhere and these patients are managed under the care of a consultant endocrinologist. The largest group of these patients are those who have transferred from the paediatric diabetes service in UHL. All of our insulin pump patients are seen in University Hospital Limerick.

HSE Mid West recognises the need for additional resources within our adult diabetic services.

This issue is a core focus for HSE Mid West and we are committed to improving this service for our patients. Developing services around insulin pump therapy in particular requires us to fill further specialist posts, including nursing and dietitian posts.

I Carter, CEO Mid West Acute and Older People Services, HSE Mid West

W115Q4326	To request an update on the Sligo Cancer Bus following previous correspondence and updates.	Cllr M Casserly
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Progress is being made in terms of identifying a suitable bus for purchase that will meet patient's needs when travelling to and from Galway. A working group has been set up involving relevant charitable organisations, along with representatives from SUH, to progress with purchase of the bus. This will have toilet facilities and be wheelchair accessible. We hope to have clarification on when a bus will be available within the next 4 - 6 weeks.

J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan

W115Q4327	To request that an information programme be developed for primary and secondary school students about the dangers and health consequences of vaping.	Cllr M Casserly
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I can confirm that education on the risks associated with vaping/e-cigarette is addressed in secondary schools in the Junior Cycle Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) resources developed by the HSE Tobacco Free Ireland (TFI) / National Health & Wellbeing Service.

The HSE collaborates with the Curriculum Development Unit, Department of Education and Skills in relation to health-related subject matter and lesson plans are delivered by class based teachers as stipulated by the Department of Education. Evidence/research supports this class based approach.

In May 2023, the Department of Education and Skills invited the HSE's Tobacco Free Ireland (TFI) Programme to write to all primary and secondary schools to update them on the potential harms of e-cigarette use in children and young people, advocating that they consider and develop policies to address this area. A key component of this work included the review of resources to support schools, parents, guardians and teachers. A range of updated and new resources for schools was made available – see link- [e-cigarette resources](#). The inclusion of e-cigarettes in substance misuse policies and procedures is also an important step which many schools have taken to protect children and young people from the significant harms associated with vaping. The HSE also encourages parents and guardians to discuss vaping with their children.

In Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal and West Cavan, the HSE has circulated the vaping prevention resources to schools and requested they make parents aware of materials available online to support them in discussing vaping with their children. We have also uploaded these resources on the Parenting Platform which is an online support for parents in the North West - [parenting platform](#)

In response to one of the recommendations from 'What's the Panic about Vaping' Report (2023) in Sligo/Leitrim and concerns that vaping is an increasingly prevalent issue among young people in the area, a short film was commissioned by Foróige, in partnership with the North West Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (NWRDATF) and Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim ETB (MSLETB) has been developed. At a recent screening in March 2025, 800 students from primary and secondary schools in Sligo got the opportunity to see the film and there are plans for a similar screening in Co. Leitrim. The film will also be available shortly for wider distribution.

A 'QUIT4Youth' Resource was also circulated to all Youth Services to support them in their response to the needs of young people who smoke and use E-cigarettes.

Furthermore, funding has been allocated to develop a national media awareness prevention campaign on vaping and young people. Work has commenced on scoping same and I expect this will be launched later this year/early 2026.

In the meantime, the HSE will continue to work with parents and guardians, schools, the Department of Education and Skills, Department of Health and all stakeholders to ensure we protect children and young people from the harms of smoking and e-cigarettes.

J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan

W115Q4328	Can I be given an update on the number of Respite Beds available for Children in Donegal, where they are located and what steps are being taken to increase the Bed availability to meet the increasing number of families and Children in need of regular Respite?	Cllr G McMonagle
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Due to the geographical spread of Co. Donegal, most centres operate both children and adult respite services on an alternate week basis. There is no dedicated children's respite centre in the county currently.

There are four centres in Donegal that are registered with The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) to provide respite services for children and adults with disabilities on alternate weeks. The four centres are as follows:

- Drumboe Respite House, Stranorlar
- Riverwalk Respite House, Carndonagh
- Ballymacool Respite House, Letterkenny
- Seaview Respite House, Mountcharles

Ballymacool Respite House, Letterkenny - Ballymacool Respite House offers respite services to 104 children per annum on alternate weeks six nights per week, operating alternate weeks for adults and children.

Seaview Respite House, Mountcharles - Rehab Care Seaview Respite House provides respite services to 50 children on seven nights per week, operating alternate weeks for adults and children.

In addition, alternative respite supports such as direct payments and intensive support packages have been offered to service users and their families whilst the availability of respite is reduced

Riverwalk Respite House, Carndonagh - Donegal Disability Services are planning to reopen respite services at Riverwalk Respite House four days per week from 3rd April 2025. Riverwalk Respite House has three beds which will operate on alternate weeks for 3 adults and 3 children.

Ballymacool Respite

Approval has been received to extend respite services at Ballymacool 7 nights per week. Recruitment has been successful and the additional staff required to operate the service safely are going through pre-employment clearances with the HSE. Once complete Ballymacool will operate 7 nights per week for adults and children on alternate weeks.

The following outlines the status of the outstanding staff positions at Riverwalk Respite House that are required to be filled:

- Healthcare Assistants (HCAs): Two HCA candidates are undergoing pre-employment clearance, while another has been cleared to begin work.
- Staff Nurse: No interest has been expressed in the vacant staff nurse position in Riverwalk Respite House from the existing staff nurse panel. As a result, HSE Human Resources are extending the search to additional staff nurse panels in Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, and Monaghan Community Services.

Once these positions are filled, Donegal Disability Services plan to expand respite service provision in Riverwalk Respite House to seven days per week. In the meantime, the HSE workforce in Riverwalk Respite House will be supplemented by agency staff and bank staff to ensure safe staffing levels are in place to resume respite services.

Drumboe Respite House - Due to the urgent need to provide emergency residential placements for four individuals with disabilities, respite services at Drumboe Respite House are currently suspended. Donegal Disability Services are actively working to secure alternative accommodations for these individuals. In the meantime, service users are being supported with home care packages and are being offered alternative centre-based respite services at Ballymacool Respite House. Drumboe Respite House has five beds which will operate on alternate weeks for 5 adults and 5 children when respite services resume.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W115Q4329	Can I have an update on CAMHS Service in Donegal, how many children are currently waiting to access the service and what are the current waiting times to access the service?	Cllr G McMonagle
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In the table below the waiting list for Donegal CAMHS service is broken down by team as at the 28th February 2025. Urgent patients are prioritised and seen according to clinical need.

Months waiting	North Donegal	South Donegal	Inishowen	Total
0-3	39	23	19	81
3-6	24	8	0	32
6-9	7	3	0	10
9-12	5	0	0	5
12-15	1	0	0	1
Total	76	34	19	129

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W115Q4330	What support services and detox Beds are available in Donegal for People suffering from Drugs and Alcohol addiction, how many people are waiting to access these services and what is the current waiting times to access these services?	Cllr G McMonagle
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The HSE Alcohol & Substance Misuse Service provides a range of therapeutic interventions to people and their significant others, including counselling, therapeutic day programmes, relapse prevention, aftercare and onward referral for detoxification, stabilisation and rehabilitation. The service works closely with prescribers for community detox and facilitates detox admission on need. The services delivered directly by the HSE across community locations in Co. Donegal are listed below in **Table 1**.

It is important to note that the majority of residential treatment services funded by the HSE are available nationally, i.e. a person does not have to live in a particular area to avail of a treatment. These residential and detoxification services are listed by county location in **Table 2**.

The HSE also provides funding to community and voluntary sectors to deliver addiction services across the North West region. The services commissioned by the HSE include education; prevention and treatment to people who use drugs and alcohol in a harmful way; and family support programmes for people whose lives are affect by another person's alcohol or substance misuse. A list of the HSE-funded services can be found below in **Table 3**.

The HSE Community Addiction Service does not routinely collect data on the number of people waiting to access addiction services. The service does, however, collect the waiting times to access treatment nationally through performance indicators across all addiction treatment services. The average wait time for an appointment with the HSE service in Donegal is 1 - 3 weeks, depending on the preferred location of the service user. The recent introduction of the individual health identifier will make reporting on data easier going forward.

Table 1 - Services delivered directly by the HSE across community locations in Co. Donegal

Letterkenny & County	9 St. Eunan's Court, Convent Road, Letterkenny	Monday – Friday 09:00 - 17:00
Alcohol Liaison Service	Letterkenny University Hospital	Monday – Friday 09:00-17:00
Lifford	Primary Care Centre, Lifford	Thursday 09:00 - 17:00
Buncrana	Primary Care Centre, Buncrana	Mon/Thurs/Fri 09:00 - 17:00
Carndonagh	Carndonagh Community Hospital	Wednesday 09:00 - 17:00
Moville	Serenity House	Tuesday 09:00 - 17:00
Dungloe	Dungloe Community Hospital	Tues/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 17:00
Falcarragh	Falcarragh Community Hospital	Friday 09:00 - 13:00
Donegal Town	Ard Nua Hospital Campus, Donegal Town.	Mon/Thurs 09:00 - 17:00 Tuesday 14:00 - 17:00
Ardara/Glenties	Glenties Health Centre	Wednesday 09:00 - 17:00
Killybegs	Killybegs Health Centre	Friday 09:00 - 17:00
Stranorlar	New Primary Care Centre	Monday – Friday 09:00 - 17:00
Bundoran	Primary Care Centre	Monday/Tuesday 09:00 - 17:30
Ballyshannon	Primary Care Centre	Thursday 09:00 - 17:30

Table 2 – Number of addiction rehabilitation and detox beds available nationally

Service	Treatment type	No. of beds May 2023	Average wait for residential rehabilitation & detox treatment - Jan 2024
Cuan Mhuire, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan	Step-down	11	12 weeks

White Oaks, Donegal	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	12	3 - 4 weeks
Carlin House, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	4-bed step-down facility run by White Oaks	4	10 weeks
Cuan Mhuire, Coolraine, Co. Galway	Residential detoxification	22	2 weeks
Cuan Mhuire, Coolraine, Co. Galway	Long-stay residential rehabilitation	23	2 weeks
Hope House, Foxford, Co. Mayo	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	14	2 weeks
Bushy Park, Ennis, Co. Clare	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	13	10 days
Cuan Mhuire, Bruree, Limerick	Community-based residential detoxification	30	Alcohol: 2-4 weeks Drugs: 12 weeks
Cuan Mhuire, Bruree, Co. Limerick	Long-stay residential rehabilitation	116	0 days (Door to door from Cuan Mhuire Bruree Detox)
Cuan Mhuire, Fernannes, Co. Cork	Community-based residential detoxification	8	8 weeks
Cuan Mhuire, Fernannes, Co. Cork	Long-stay residential rehabilitation	32	8 weeks
Cuan Mhuire, Western Road	Long-stay residential rehabilitation	16	2 weeks
Tabor Lodge, Belgooly, Co. Cork	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	14	2 weeks
Fellowship House	Step-down	29	0
Talbot Grove, Castleisland, Co. Kerry	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	16	2 weeks
Aiseiri, Wexford	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	12	1 - 2 weeks
Aiseiri, Cahir, Tipperary	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	18	1 - 3 weeks
Aiseiri, Cahir, Tipperary	Community-based residential detoxification	4	2 - 4 weeks
Aiseirí Group, Céim Eile, Waterford	Step-down - Men Women Sober House - Men Sober house - Women	8 6 4 4	0 days (Door to door from Aiseiri)
Aislinn, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny	Adolescent residential detoxification	4	2 - 4 weeks
MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow. Co. Carlow	Community-based residential detoxification	8	19 weeks
MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow. Co. Carlow	Therapeutic Community	13	7.6 weeks
Cuan Dara	In-patient medical detox	12	23.33 days
Dublin Simon Detox	Detox	11	43 days
Dublin Simon Stabilisation	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	8	25 days
Cuan Mhuire, Athy, Alcohol Detoxification	Community-based residential detoxification	26	7 - 8 weeks

Cuan Mhuire, Athy, Our Lady's Drug Unit	Community-based residential detoxification	6	8 - 10 weeks
Cuan Mhuire, Athy	Long-stay residential rehabilitation	10	0 days (Door to door from Cuan Mhuire Detox)
Cuan Mhuire, Athy (New Women's Centre)	Long-stay residential rehabilitation	36	
Rutland	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	16	20 days
New Hope	Residential rehabilitation Men	16	6 - 8 weeks
Tiglin Men's Centre	Long-stay residential rehabilitation	47	4 months
Tiglin Men's Centre	Step-down		0 days (Door to door from Tiglin Long Stay)
Tiglin Women's Centre	Long-stay residential rehabilitation	14	2-4 months
Tiglin Women's Centre	Step-down		0 days (Door to door from Tiglin Long Stay)
Tabor House	Step-down	10	10 - 12 weeks
Smarmore	Residential rehab and detoxification	11	1 - 8 weeks
Coolmine, Ashleigh House	Therapeutic community	20 & 17 children	3 - 4 weeks
Coolmine Ashleigh House	Community-based residential detoxification	4	2 weeks
Coolmine Ashleigh House	Step-down		2 weeks
Coolmine Lodge	Community-based residential detoxification	4	2 - 3 weeks
Coolmine Lodge, Blanchardstown, Dublin	Therapeutic community	32	6 - 8 weeks
Peter McVerry Detox	Community-based residential detoxification	10	42 days
Peter McVerry Rehab	Short-stay residential rehabilitation	9	33 days
Suamhneas	Step-down	6	13 days
Peter McVerry Barrymore	Stabilisation unit	10	50 days
Peter McVerry drug-free housing	Step-down	70	0 days
Peter McVerry Phibsboro	Residential stabilisation	10	
Daisyhouse	Step-down	15	0 days (Door to door from Suaimhneas)
Depaul's Firhouse, "Birchhaven"	Family hub for mother and babies coming from Ashleigh	14	0 days

MQI High Park, Grace Park Rd, Dublin	Long-stay residential rehabilitation	13	
Focus Ireland	Step Down	17	In
Beaumont	In-patient medical detox	8	12 - 16 weeks

Table 3 - HSE-funded services

Service	Details	Contact Hours
Letterkenny CDP	Outreach Workers / Drug & Alcohol Misuse Workers To achieve behaviour changes with recovering and at risk/current substance misusers in relation to their associated risk-taking behaviour. SMART Recovery	Monday- Friday 9am-5pm In Person/ Online or Telephone Contacts Available
Waypoint Drug & Alcohol Leitrim/Donegal	Substance Misuse & Outreach Support Substance Misuse Worker To support people impacted by addiction.	Monday – Friday Out of hours appointments available on request
Foroige, Ballyshannon Donegal/Sligo/Leitrim	Youth Drug and Alcohol Workers To provide drug and alcohol education programmes to 10 -17 year olds, including parents and families.	Out of school hours to suit needs of client group
Family Programmes Alcohol Forum Ireland	Family support programmes To create and inspire change by working with individuals, families and communities to reduce and prevent the harm caused by alcohol misuse. M-PACT / 5 STEP / Strengthening Families / NVR	Daytime and evening
Training & Education Coordinator Donegal/Sligo/Leitrim	Training and Education Officer To provide drug and alcohol education and training in the North West Region.	Flexible Training options available
NW Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force	SAOR Practitioner (Support, Ask & Assess, Offer Assistance & Referrals) To deliver a brief intervention model which uses a person-centred approach based on motivational interviewing. Funded under the Health Diversion Programme, the SAOR Practitioner delivers the SAOR screening and brief intervention and makes onward referrals as necessary.	Wednesday - Friday
NW Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force Donegal/Sligo/Leitrim	Cocaine supports and Interventions Advice, support, information, 1-1 or group available	Monday- Friday 9am-5pm
Waypoint Drug & Alcohol	Family Support Worker To provide drug and alcohol supports to families and children affected by a family member and/or a friend's substance misuse in Leitrim, South Donegal	Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Donegal Travellers Project	Programme for traveller women who experience or are experiencing drug or alcohol misuse and to link them with addiction supports and relevant other services across Donegal. To provide support, education and links with appropriate support services	Monday - Friday
Housing First	Housing First provides a comprehensive and holistic approach to addressing homelessness for people experiencing mental health, physical health, substance misuse, social, behavioural, and other challenges.	Monday to Friday

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W115Q4331	Can I have an update on whether funding has been allocated /or applied for to carry out the plans, design and significant works at Radharc na Sleibhte SRU in Carndonagh? (Supervised Residential Unit) and can the HSE confirm the timeline envisaged for the delivery and completion of proposed refurbishment works, and the provision of increased services and facilities at Radharc na Sleibhte Carndonagh?	Cllr G McMonagle
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Donegal Mental Health Services (DMHS) have identified the need to transition Radharc na Sleibhte from a residential model to a recovery-focused crisis intervention/set down facility. A feasibility study was undertaken by HSE Estates to incorporate a 10-bed crisis/step-down and respite facility supported with 24-hour staff cover. This phase was completed in December 2024.

A seven-day outreach service will support those who require it to remain in their own home and integrate with their local community. This is a recovery-based model promoting independence, hope, and choice for all and will be a further development of initiatives such as the wellness café that have been developed over the last few years. We now plan to use part of the building to provide this service.

Included in the plan is a Day Hospital service for more acute short-term service users, which will reduce the number of admissions to the Department of Psychiatry. This will support a number of service users with acute conditions to receive appropriate interventions while continuing to live in their own home. Provision will also be made for the current long term residents.

The design team has completed and presented the initial drawings including floor plans for the:

- Outpatients Department, talking therapies, OT kitchen (all a shared space)
- Upstairs (1st floor) is a 10 bedded en-suite facility for service users
- A further section downstairs is for a therapeutic space for our 10 service users including a dining facility.

Meetings were held on Friday the 8th of November 2024 and 23rd January 2025 to update all relevant stakeholders including service user representatives, families, and elected representatives.

The timeline for this project is eighteen months from date of commencement. The start date will depend on the confirmation of the funding.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W115Q4332	What plans are in place to upgrade the facilities at the Mental Health Unit at Roscommon Hospital? What is the timeline for these works? The current environment does not promote a sense of well-being and recovery. Concerns have been raised regarding the internal visual presentation of the building, alongside the lack of space for patient privacy and confidentiality.	Cllr E Kelly
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Mental Health Services submitted a proposal nationally last year after receiving approval from Senior Management in Community HealthCare West for a new Acute Adult Mental Health Unit in Roscommon. Following a review of national priorities for acute units, it was agreed that we should reassess our number of bed requirements, considering future

planning and population growth in Roscommon and the surrounding area. A MDT Subgroup has been established under the leadership of the Head of Service, with contributions from both Acute/Community Services and Estates, to develop a detailed plan for a new 50-bedded unit in Roscommon. Work is currently underway to complete all necessary documentation, and we anticipate that our finalised business case/project brief will be ready for submission to national estates for approval by the end of Quarter 2 in 2025.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4333	What plans are there to improve access to acute mental health services? Services are currently at capacity and people with acute mental illness and are at risk of suicide are being turned away from acute services.	Cllr E Kelly
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When service users present to Emergency Departments with suicidal ideation, a mental health assessment is conducted to assess the severity of the crisis and establish a plan for the presenting symptoms. If the assessment indicates that an acute mental health admission is necessary, arrangements will be made for an admission to an acute bed. If the service is at capacity, alternative beds will be sought in accordance with the escalation policy.

Mental Health Services across Galway, Mayo and Roscommon are actively advocating for an increase in the number of mental health beds in the area. We are presently in the early stages of planning an expansion of acute bed capacity across the region. A working group has been established at both the Galway University Hospitals (GUH) site and Roscommon University Hospital to develop these plans.

Additionally, we have established a Crisis Resolution Team for Galway City, which will comprise a Consultant Psychiatrist, a Non-Consultant Hospital Doctor (NCHD), a Senior Social Worker, three Clinical Nurse Specialists, and a Clinical Nurse Manager.

We also aim to recruit two Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurses (SCAN Nurses) and a Clinical Coordinator for the Crisis Team in 2025.

Mental Health Services across Galway, Mayo and Roscommon also created West Be Well, a website and communications network that provides information on voluntary, statutory, and community groups engaged in wellbeing, mental health promotion, and suicide prevention initiatives in Galway, Mayo, and Roscommon.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W115Q4334	In February 2024 Donegal County Council granted planning permission for a change of use from apartments at Milford Retail Park to a healthcare facility consisting of an older person's day centre and primary care facilities. Did the HSE support this planning application, and is the HSE currently engaged with the development of this project, and if so, will the project proceed according to the planning granted - including all clinical and ancillary spaces - and when?	Cllr D Meehan
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A need for day services for Older Persons has been identified in Ramelton and the HSE are seeking an alternative suitable location for the provision of these services in the area. There has been engagement by the HSE in relation to the property referenced in the question, and how it meets the service needs in terms of floor area and location.

The HSE are considering the proposal in the context of the property and procurement protocols that we are obliged to adhere to. The timeline for completion and specifics on the clinical and ancillary spaces will likely be confirmed as the project moves forward, in accordance with the relevant statutory regulations and public procurement guidelines.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W115Q4335	What is the current wait time for first and review haematology appointments in all hospitals across the region, and what level of staffing is provided in each hospital? How many haematology clinics are run in each hospital on a weekly basis? What is hospital management doing to drive down these wait times in each hospital?	Cllr D Meehan
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Mayo University Hospital:

Urgent patients are seen within one week. All other referrals are triaged by the visiting consultants and are generally seen within one month.

The staffing consists of one CNS, two Consultants who visit weekly—on Wednesday and Thursday—and one registrar.

The consultant visiting on Wednesday is in the process of establishing an additional OPD twice a month.

M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

Galway University Hospital:

Please see below current waiting times for Haematology appointments in GUH:

Specialty	Haematology									
Count of hospital name	Column Labels									
Row Labels	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18-21 Months	21-24 Months	24-36 Months	36-48 Months
Galway University Hospitals	317	111	67	35	26	10				566

We do not hold a review/follow up waiting list. Patients are booked to appointment slots within the timescales advised by the clinical team.

There are 9 Haematology Clinics held weekly in the new Merlin Park OPD Building, there is one Paediatric Haematology clinic in UCHG on the 1st & 5th weeks of the month.

The current Medical Staff in the Haematology Department include:

- 11 Consultant Haematologists (Clinical & Laboratory)
- 1 Clinical Research Registrar
- 3 Specialist Registrars
- 7 Senior House Officers
- 2 Registrars
- 1 Intern

Administration Staff - Haematology Service UHG:

There are 2.8 WTE Medical Secretarial posts currently supporting the service. Approval for 1 WTE temporary post has recently been received but has not yet been recruited.

Nursing Staff:

There are currently 4.5 WTE Haematology Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) that work with the Haematology Consultants and their teams. These CNS attend clinics and meet, educate and organise all further diagnostics for the new patients who are diagnosed with a malignancy.

A Business Case has been submitted to secure another CNS as the Service is growing exponentially.

The Nursing Staff in OPD is separate to the CNS staff but there are usually 2 Staff Nurses assigned to each clinic.

Portiuncula University Hospital:

The wait time for a new appointment is up to 3 months & there is no wait time for reviews- patients are scheduled to be reviewed as clinically required.

Portiuncula University Hospital run one Haematology clinic twice a month.

Portiuncula University Hospital have achieved Sláintecare wait time targets for Haematology

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

Letterkenny University Hospital:

All haematology referrals that are received are reviewed by the consultant for clinical triage, where indicated, advice letters are issued to the GP or requests for further information and/or tests are made. Red flag urgent referrals are issued with an appointment within 4-6 weeks and the weighted average wait time for all other first appointments is 9 months.

Patients who are due for review appointments within 3 months are scheduled and those for review outside of this are added to the review waiting list with an indicative date and scheduled in chronological order according to that date.

LUH continue to strive to reduce the waiting times for haematology appointments and have engaged in a number of initiatives including :

- Validation of the waiting lists to ensure that lists are kept up to date and that all patients listed still require appointments.
- The creating of a generic waiting list for new haematology referrals, to enable chronological scheduling of patients within clinical priority.
- LUH will also be submitting a funding request to the NTPF to support initiative clinics in 2025 that will specifically target the longest waiting patients in chronological order.
- Letterkenny University Hospital has secured funding from the NTPF for a 3rd Haematologist, to provide additional support

Staffing :

	WTE
Consultant Haematologist	2
Non Consultant Hospital Doctors (NCHDs)	5
Advanced Nurse Practitioner	1
Clinical Nurse Specialist	1

Clinics :

- Day Unit : 5 sessions per week – Consultant Lead
- Outpatients :
 - 3 sessions per week – Consultant Lead
 - 4 sessions per week – ANP Lead

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

Sligo University Hospital:

The current wait times for first appointments for Haematology is:

	0 – 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	9 - 12 months	12 - 15 months	15 – 18 months	18 – 21 months	21 – 24 months	24 – 48 months	Total
No appointment date	12	14	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	30
Has appointment date	93	52	62	75	13	7	3	11	17	330
Total	105	66	63	78	13	7	3	11	17	363

The appointments for the review patients are scheduled into next appointment as per Consultant decision at Outpatients clinic, therefore we don't have the waiting times for review patients, however we do have the number of review patients waiting to be seen:

Haematology Review Appts									
	Total	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	Q4 2026
Consultant Review Appt	914	86	471	172	88	58	32	4	3
Nurse Review Appt	93	19	55	11	6	1		1	
	1007	105	526	183	94	59	32	5	3

The staffing levels for Haematology services / clinics in SUH is as follows:

Doctors	2 Consultant Haematologists 4 NCHDS
Nurses	1 ANP 1cANP 1 CNS 1 Staff nurse Clinical Facilitator
Secretarial support	2 Grade IV admin staff
Lab	4 Medical Scientist 1 Chief Medical Scientist 1.91 Senior Medical Scientist 1 Medical Lab Aide

The Haematology OPD Clinics are:

- 2 Clinics Per Week
- 1 Hemochromatosis clinic per month

Clinic validation and additional clinics are being planned to help reduce wait times.

J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan

W115Q4336	Can we be provided with a list of minor injuries units across the region, the services they provide, and the numbers attending them on a weekly and monthly basis? Do we have any analysis on their impact on ED attendance numbers? Are plans progressing to bring a Minor Injuries Unit to LUH?	Cllr D Meehan
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Roscommon Injury Unit operational since 11/7/2011.

Services provided:

- Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day (365 days a year).
- Treats Adults and Children aged 5 and over.
- Full list of conditions treated and those considered out of protocol/not treated at the IU are included on the attached leaflet ([IU RUH information leaflet 2025.pdf](#)). This is in line with National Guidance.

Statistics for 2024 and up to 11/3/2025 are included hereunder:

Injury Unit Presentation @ RUH 2024		
<u>Month - 2024</u>	<u>New Presentation</u>	<u>Review</u>
January	935	157
February	1062	146
March	1183	137
April	1285	193
May	1462	172
June	1246	170
July	1297	161
August	1243	173
September	1350	128
October	1247	175
November	1065	139
December	1047	145
Total	14422	1896

Injury Unit Presentation @ RUH 2025		

<u>Month - 2025</u>	<u>New Presentation</u>	<u>Review</u>
January	1118	166
February	1305	182
March	582	69
Total	3005	417

up to 11/03/25

Out of Protocol Presentations – these are patient who arrive to RUH and who do not fall under the remit of what can be treated at an injury unit. These figures are not included in the above – these patients are advised of the situation and then directed to their GP, nearest ED and if they are very unwell and need immediate attention this is delivered as a first responder type scenario and the Ambulance Service is called as 999 to bring the patient to an ED.

The figures for Out of Protocol Presentations (OOP) for 2024 are set down hereunder, together with a table showing the number of Ambulances needed to transfer such patients to an ED.

OOP Presentations	January-2024	February-2024	March-2024	April-2024	May-2024	June-2024	July-2024	August-2024	September-2024	October-2024	November-2024	December-2024	Total
Adult	164	181	197	214	223	205	197	217	173	220	188	235	2414
Child	25	24	32	32	41	25	37	36	32	33	30	20	367
Unknown	1	1				3		2	1	2			10
Total	190	206	229	246	264	233	234	255	206	255	218	255	2791
Ambulance Needed	January-2024	February-2024	March-2024	April-2024	May-2024	June-2024	July-2024	August-2024	September-2024	October-2024	November-2024	December-2024	Total
Yes	19	16	14	14	11	12	13	12	9	28	15	12	175
Total	19	16	14	14	11	12	13	12	9	28	15	12	175

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

County Donegal does not have a HSE minor injuries unit. However, in early 2024 the HSE commenced a plan to roll out a number of Minor Injury Units across the country, including one in Letterkenny. The Management Team in LUH are working with the HSE to develop and deliver this project. The work is expected to require additional funding.

In the interim Letterkenny University Hospital has introduced a streaming service as part of a Quality Improvement initiative directing injured patients through a separate pathway once triaged - the aim was to provide a more streamlined improved service in a dedicated area "The Injury Assessment and Treatment Area" within the Emergency Department.

There are two ring fenced cubicles within the Emergency Department to treat and assess minor injuries. There are 2 x WTE RANP and 2 x WTE CANP staff who work from 8am to 8pm seven days per week. This has led to a major reduction in waiting times for patients.

Last year the Emergency Department managed 54,400 new attendances, 14% of those who attend with an injury can be safely treated by an RANP via this separate pathway. Children under the age of 16 years account for one-third of these presentations

In Letterkenny, Affidea have launched a Minor Injuries and illness Clinic in Scally Place which will operate five days per week from 10m to 6pm treating a range of minor injuries traditionally treated In the Emergency Department.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W115Q4337	What is the current wait time for respiratory first appointments in all hospitals in the region, and what is the current wait time for review appointments for same? What is hospital management doing to drive down these wait times in each hospital?												CLlr D Meehan
Specialty	Respiratory Medicine .T												
Count of hospital name	Column Labels												
Row Labels	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18-21 Months	21-24 Months	24-36 Months	36-48 Months	48+ Months	Grand Total	
Has Appointment Date	240	111	31	22	51	69	25	23	16	4	5	597	
Galway University Hospitals	90	60	11	5	2	5	2	1	9	4	4	193	
Letterkenny University Hospital	36	18	7	5	30	63	14	4	7		1	185	
Mayo University Hospital	29	21	11	6	2	1	9	5				84	
Portiuncula University Hospital	21	7	2	6	16							52	
Sligo University Hospital	64	5			1			13				83	
No Appointment Date	1244	1133	864	881	521	405	279	169	303	149	284	6232	
Galway University Hospitals	484	448	384	432	276	264	186	159	298	148	284	3363	
Letterkenny University Hospital	389	356	226	257	127	62	29	6	4			1456	
Mayo University Hospital	166	115	118	101	71	25	16					612	
Portiuncula University Hospital	126	137	58	39								360	
Sligo University Hospital	79	77	78	52	47	54	48	4	1	1		441	
Grand Total	1484	1244	895	903	572	474	304	192	319	153	289	6829	

Please note in relation to GUH figures, the list includes both General Respiratory and Sleep Studies, a high number of patients on this list are patients waiting for sleep studies and this specialty has a longer waiting time.

Letterkenny University Hospital:

LUH continue to strive to reduce the waiting times for respiratory appointments and have engaged in a number of initiatives including:

1. Validation of the waiting lists to ensure that lists are kept up to date and that all patients listed still require appointments.
2. The creating of a generic waiting list for new respiratory referrals, to enable chronological scheduling of patients within clinical priority.
3. LUH have also secured funding from the NTPF to support initiative clinics in 2025 that will specifically target the longest waiting patients in chronological order.
4. The 3rd permanent consultant has also taken up post last week which will also contribute to reductions in waiting times for both new and review appointments.

The current wait time for a first appointment with the respiratory service in LUH is 18-21 months.

All Respiratory referrals that are received are reviewed by the Consultant for clinical triage, Red flag urgent referrals are issued with an appointment in line with clinically recommended timeframes.

Patients who are due for review appointments within 3 months are scheduled and those for review outside of this are added to the review waiting list with an indicative date and scheduled in chronological order according to that date.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

Sligo University Hospital:

There is no significant waiting list for Respiratory appointments.

>60% current referral are for possible OSA.

Changes introduced with new appointees:

- Single point of triage for all (IC, Resp and Sleep) referrals – to avoid duplication of referrals and also distribute patients to most appropriate clinic
- Increasing numbers seen in Consultant led and IC Nurse/Physio led clinics
- Disease specific Clinics – facilitated by development of OPD appointment Slip- right patient right place – reducing review appointments
- Friday pm new Respiratory Referral opd – 5-6 new patients per week (currently at least 33% discharge rate- to be confirmed)
- Wed Sleep clinics –
Increased from 2 to 3 clinics per month, 2 consultants present
1 consultant focussed on new referrals, Sleep test results and CPAP starts
1 consultant focussed on Stable patients – discharging to virtual follow up with a view to develop a patient Initiated follow up service
- Additional CPAP virtual clinics on Friday – aiming to discharge stable patients to patient initiated follow up
- Spark funding application for additional Sleep Assessment technology- app for follow up
- Spark funding application for additional Sleep Testing Equipment

J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan

Roscommon University Hospital:

Currently there are 56 patients on the Respiratory Waiting List. 46 patients have a TCI date with 10 awaiting a date. The referral basis in RUH is from Consultant to Consultant as we do not have a Consultant Respiratory Physician as part of our team on site. The clinic is delivered by a Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner at RUH.

The longest waiting patient is 3 weeks with a DOL 11/02/25.

The review appointments are advised to the patient at the time of attendance at their appointment and booked there and then. RUH does not have Review Waiting Lists.

RUH is involved with the following actions in order to meet the targets and minimise waiting times and numbers:

1. Continual validation of Waiting Lists,
2. Running initiative lists at weekends and evenings
3. Activated two way text messaging services in order to remind patients of their appointments and if they opt not to come that the appointment can be filled by someone else on the list.
4. Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioners who can see patients independently are also being employed in a number of specialities in order to support early appointments for patients.
5. Compliance with the NTPF OP Waiting List policy and active management of DNA and Cancellations.
6. Review of activity at Performance Meetings
7. Patient Initiated Review (PIR) to be shortly activated for this clinic service.

Galway University Hospitals:

We do not hold a review/follow up waiting list. Patients are booked to appointment slots within the timescales advised by the clinical team.

The Waiting List Office is working with the service to set up some additional out of hours sleep study clinics and will be undertaking a validation exercise in the first instance to ensure we are prioritising the correct patients.

A service plan submission and priority for the Medical MCAN is to seek an additional Respiratory Consultant with special interest in Sleep as well as a Clinical Nurse Specialist, Respiratory Physiologist and Administration support for the service.

Portiuncula University Hospital:

The wait time for new appointments is up to 14 months with 96% of patients waiting less than 12 months & there is no wait time for reviews- patients are scheduled to be reviewed as clinically required

PUH are providing additional clinic sessions to help meet Sláintecare Targets. A second Consultant Respiratory Physician is currently in recruitment.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

Mayo University Hospital:

At present, MUH does not hold data for wait lists for review appointments.

In order to drive these wait times down for first appointment, MUH have secured NTPF funding for weekend clinics in respiratory from April 2025. There has also been a new appointment of a respiratory technician to assist with diagnostics.

We are confident that all national KPIs will be met in 2025.

M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

W115Q4338	That this forum be provided with details of all voluntary bodies, service providers, community organisations, social services groups etc, in Donegal which receive funding from the HSE and the amount of funding provided to each group in the years 2023 & 2024?	Cllr C Brogan
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2024 Grant funding awarded to agencies in LHO Donegal

This report includes all Grant funding recorded on SPG, split between for Profit and not for profit agencies and all national Lotto funding awarded within Donegal LHO in 2024.							
	Non Profits				Lotto	For Profits	Grand Total
Agency Name	Out of State - SA	S38 - SA	S39 - GA	S39 - SA			
Advocates for Personal Potential Limited						1,618,782	1,618,782
Aiseanna Tacaiochta Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta				62,000			62,000
Alcohol Forum Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee				318,812			318,812
ALONE				186,499			186,499
Annagry Care of the Aged			38,174				38,174
Ardara Care of the Aged			28,219		3,700		31,919
Ardara Community First Responders					1,766		1,766
Arranmore Welfare Committee - Care of the Aged			38,789				38,789
Autism Support Dungloe					3,720		3,720
AWARE				8,476			8,476
Ballyshannon & District Active Retirement Association					1,740		1,740
Ballyshannon Day Centre Committee			49,472				49,472
Baylam Home Health Care Limited						277,214	277,214
Bluestack Special Needs Foundation Company Limited by Guarantee				352,852			352,852
Brainwave-The Irish Epilepsy Association				21,732			21,732
Brothers of Charity Services Ireland		6,540					6,540
Buncrana Community First Responder Group					1,766		1,766
Camphill Communities of Ireland				169,351			169,351
Camphill Community Glencraig	202,876						202,876
Cara House Family Resource Centre CLG			175,682				175,682
Carlow Emergency Doctors-On-Call Company Limited By Guarantee				2,399,765			2,399,765
Carrick Day Care Centre			51,522				51,522
Carrowmenagh Community Centre Company Limited By Guarantee			5,660		3,486		9,146
CDP na Rosann Teo					900		900

CLG Ard An Ratha					2,791		2,791
Clonmany Mental Health Association Company Limited by Guarantee				542,870	1,180		544,050
Coiste Curan Praise Gaoth Dobhair Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta				767,520			767,520
Coiste Forbartha Dhobhair Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaíochta			115,570				115,570
Coiste Forbartha Dhobhair Teo					3,000		3,000
Coiste Ionad Lae na Sean Daoine			50,256				50,256
Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Chloich Cheann Fhaola, Gort A Choirce					4,500		4,500
Comharchumann Foirbartha & Fostaíocht Arainn Mhor Teo					1,766		1,766
Comharchumann Thorai Teoranta			16,240				16,240
Communicare Agency Limited						1,049,042	1,049,042
Connect Mental Health			2,800				2,800
County Roscommon Disability Support Group Company Limited by Guarantee				21,000			21,000
Creelough Community Day Centre			52,920				52,920
Crossroads & Killygordon Enterprise (CAKE) Company Limited By Guarantee			5,200				5,200
Cuala Senior Care Limited						3,026,455	3,026,455
Culdaff Seniors Club			812				812
Cúnamh	50,000						50,000
Donegal Centre for Independent Living Company Limited by Guarantee				1,880,896			1,880,896
Donegal County Council			25,000				25,000
Donegal Domestic Violence Services Company Limited By Guarantee			15,000				15,000
Donegal Family Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee					4,200		4,200
Donegal Horizons Company Limited by Guarantee				915,291			915,291
Donegal Local Development Company Limited By Guarantee			216,880				216,880
Donegal Local Sports Partnership CLG			60,942				60,942
Donegal School of Shotokan Karate					2,372		2,372

Donegal Travellers Project Company Limited by Guarantee				526,134			526,134
Donegal Womens Centre					8,440		8,440
Donegal Women's Centre			135,220				135,220
Donegal Youth Services Company Limited By Guarantee			14,189				14,189
Downstrands Family Resource Centre CLG					4,870		4,870
Downstrands Family Resource Centre Company Limited By Guarantee			64,186				64,186
Dunfanaghy Care of the Aged			4,300				4,300
Fahan & Inch Care of the Aged			2,000				2,000
Fanad Day Centre			17,910				17,910
Finn Valley Family Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			28,459				28,459
Five Rivers Ireland Limited						107,087	107,087
Gartan Day Centre			36,208				36,208
Glenties Day Care Centre					1,500		1,500
Glenties Day Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			42,249				42,249
Grow In Ireland				82,577			82,577
Hillcrest Nursing Home Limited						221,943	221,943
Hygiene Hub Company Limited by Guarantee					1,097		1,097
I.W.A. Company Limited by Guarantee				4,232,068			4,232,068
Inishowen Children's Autism Related Education Company Limited By Guarantee				486,410			486,410
Inishowen Children's Autism Related EducationCLG (ICARE)					5,000		5,000
Inishowen Development Partnership				326,936	5,425		332,361
Inspire Wellbeing Company Limited by Guarantee				559,114			559,114
Ionad Pobail Cholmcille Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta			13,349				13,349
Irish Advocacy Network Company Limited by Guarantee				9,970			9,970
Jump N Jacks Special Olympics Gymnastics					1,292		1,292
Kathleen & Michael Connolly Foundation Company Limited By Guarantee			13,028				13,028

Killybegs Community Kitchen					1,000		1,000
Kilmacrennan Termon Churchill Gartin & Trentagh Community First Responders Group					1,766		1,766
Knox Care Limited						40,000	40,000
Lár Chomhairle Paróiste Ghleann Cholm Cille					3,866		3,866
Letterkenny Care of the Aged			45,208				45,208
Letterkenny Community Centre CLG					2,635		2,635
Letterkenny Community Development Programme CLG					6,932		6,932
Letterkenny Community Development Project Company Limited By Guarantee			111,565				111,565
Letterkenny Dyslexia Association CLG					2,680		2,680
Lifford/Clonleigh Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			85,100				85,100
Lightsky Ireland Limited						178,024	178,024
Local Youth and Family Service Company Limited By Guarantee			70,247				70,247
Lumen Healthcare Limited						694,564	694,564
Machaire Le Cheile Company Limited By Guarantee			20,092		2,000		22,092
Mental Health Ireland				54,483			54,483
Mevagh Day Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			42,856				42,856
Mevagh Family Resource Centre					910		910
Milford & District Resource Company Limited By Guarantee			8,500				8,500
MK Expert Providers Limited						2,369,287	2,369,287
Mountain Lodge Nursing Home Limited						224,612	224,612
Mountcharles Dyslexia Group					3,575		3,575
Moville Care of the Aged			52,141				52,141
Muff Community Development Co-Op Society Ltd (MCD)			1,624				1,624
Muscular Dystrophy Ireland CLG					2,500		2,500
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE				3,288			3,288
NCBI Services				261,977			261,977
Newtowncunningham (Interchurch) Housing			107,625				107,625

Association Company Limited By Guarantee							
No Barriers Foundation Company Limited By Guarantee			168,140				168,140
Nua Healthcare Services Limited						4,926,329	4,926,329
Orchard Community Care Limited						1,286,457	1,286,457
Peter Bradley Foundation Company Limited by Guarantee				749,824			749,824
Pettigo Community Care			60,840				60,840
Pieta House					360		360
Pneuma Healthcare	30,000						30,000
Pobail Le Cheile C.D.P. Company Limited by Guarantee			62,250		720		62,970
Pobal Escarrach Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta			23,245				23,245
PRAXIS CARE				1,822,582			1,822,582
Ramelton Care of the Aged			12,000				12,000
Raphoe Community in Action Company Limited by Guarantee					2,000		2,000
Raphoe Family Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee					1,330		1,330
Raphoe Seniors Friday Club					3,000		3,000
Rosbeg / Downstrands Care of the Aged Committee			21,693				21,693
Serenity House Learning Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			40,000		600		40,600
Servisource Healthcare Limited						18,750	18,750
Sheephaven Properties Limited						54,184	54,184
Sliabh a Liagh Dyslexia Workshop					2,400		2,400
Sora Healthcare Limited						976,322	976,322
Spraoi agus Sport Family Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			22,972				22,972
Spraoi agus Sport Family Centre Ltd					5,369		5,369
St. Bernadette Special School			41,746				41,746
St. Christopher's Services Company Limited by Guarantee				70,515			70,515
St. Johnston & Carrigans Social Services (Care of the Aged)			5,600				5,600
St. Vincent De Paul - Council of Ireland				356,072			356,072
Talbot Group						385,303	385,303
TEE Care Home Help Services Limited						235,073	235,073

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland				971,900	1,116		973,016
The Cheshire Foundation in Ireland				898,774			898,774
The Forge Family Resource Centre					1,000		1,000
The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland				136,721			136,721
The National Association for the Deaf				164,636			164,636
The Rehab Group				7,010,609			7,010,609
Twin Towns Friday Club Ballybofey/Stranorlar			2,000				2,000
White Oaks Housing Association Company Limited by Guarantee				606,361			606,361
Women's Collective Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee			7,345				7,345
Xpress Healthcare Limited						4,805	4,805
Grand Total	282,876	6,540	2,333,026	26,978,012	110,269	17,694,233	47,404,957

2023 Grant funding awarded to agencies in LHO Donegal

This report includes all Grant funding recorded on SPG, split between 'for Profit' and 'not for profit' agencies and all national Lotto funding awarded within Donegal LHO in 2023.

In relation to SPG grant funding, there is €14 million of 2023 funding that is allocated to Area 1 on this report. As a manual process is needed to review and physically split this funding out to ascertain the Donegal

There is also Lotto funding awarded in 2023 €42k, that has been designated at CDLMS, there may be Donegal funded agencies within this that are not captured on this report.

	Non Profits				Lotto	For Profit	Grand Total
Agency Name	Out of State - SA	S38 - SA	S39 - GA	S39 - SA			
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland					3,000		3,000
Advocates for Personal Potential Limited						1,449,932	1,449,932
Aiseanna Tacaiochta Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta				64,995			64,995
Alcohol Forum Ireland Company Limited By Guarantee				302,662			302,662
ALONE				126,252			126,252
An Machaire Le Cheile					983		983
Anam Cara Parent Bereavement Support Groups					3,500		3,500
Annagry Care of the Aged			39,844				39,844
Ardara Care of the Aged			25,833				25,833
Arranmore Welfare Committee - Care of the Aged			35,664				35,664
Arthritis Ireland					2,600		2,600

AWARE				8,476			8,476
Ballyshannon Day Centre Committee			33,985				33,985
Baylam Home Health Care Limited						208,442	208,442
Bluestack Special Needs Foundation CLG					5,000		5,000
Bluestack Special Needs Foundation Company Limited by Guarantee				269,680			269,680
Brainwave-The Irish Epilepsy Association				20,716			20,716
Brothers of Charity Services Ireland		6,540					6,540
Camphill Communities of Ireland				164,047			164,047
Camphill Community Glencraig	187,765						187,765
Cara House Family Resource Centre CLG			139,300				139,300
Carlow Emergency Doctors-On-Call Company Limited By Guarantee				2,486,186			2,486,186
Carrick Day Care Centre			48,000				48,000
CLG Malainn					1,500		1,500
Clones Family Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			60,247				60,247
Clonmany Mental Health Association Company Limited by Guarantee				378,167			378,167
Coiste Curan Praise Gaoth Dobhair Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta				350,000			350,000
Coiste Forbartha Dhobhair Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaíochta			141,095				141,095
Coiste Ionad Lae na Sean Daoine			51,512				51,512
Comharchumann Thorai Teoranta			22,142				22,142
Communicare Agency Limited						1,115,143	1,115,143
Connect Mental Health			6,000				6,000
Creelough Community Day Centre			52,920				52,920
Creelough Community First Responder Group					2,500		2,500
Crossroads & Killygordon Enterprise (CAKE) Company Limited By Guarantee			5,200				5,200
Crossroads and Killygordon Enterprise (C.A.K.E)					10,000		10,000
Culdaff Seniors Club			812				812

Cúnamh	20,664						20,664
Donegal Centre for Independent Living Company Limited by Guarantee				1,585,724			1,585,724
Donegal County Council			25,000				25,000
Donegal Domestic Violence Services Company Limited By Guarantee			7,500				7,500
Donegal Family Resource Centre					1,000		1,000
Donegal Homecare Limited						2,751,308	2,751,308
Donegal Horizons Company Limited by Guarantee				879,681			879,681
Donegal Intercultural Platform Company Limited by Guarantee			5,000				5,000
Donegal Local Development Company Limited By Guarantee			195,997				195,997
Donegal Local Sports Partnership CLG			60,124				60,124
Donegal Travellers Project Company Limited by Guarantee				523,140			523,140
Donegal Women's Centre			129,028				129,028
Donegal Youth Service Youth Ltd					5,508		5,508
Donegal Youth Services Company Limited By Guarantee			13,516				13,516
Downstrands Family Resource Centre Company Limited By Guarantee			61,576				61,576
Dunfanaghy Care of the Aged			4,300				4,300
Elder Home Care Limited						10,000	10,000
Fahan & Inch Care of the Aged			2,000				2,000
Fanad Day Centre			16,859				16,859
Finn Valley Family Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			26,167				26,167
Five Rivers Ireland Limited						106,774	106,774
Gartan Day Centre			41,639				41,639
Glenties Day Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			40,741				40,741
Greencastle Community Development CLG					3,520		3,520
Grow In Ireland				78,976			78,976
Hillcrest Nursing Home Limited						51,905	51,905
HUGG Healing Untold Grief Groups Company Limited By Guarantee			13,791				13,791

I.W.A. Company Limited by Guarantee				4,004,494			4,004,494
Inishowen Children's Autism Related Education					5,000		5,000
Inishowen Children's Autism Related Education Company Limited By Guarantee				419,542			419,542
Inishowen Development Partnership				305,878			305,878
Insight Inishowen			5,000				5,000
Inspire Wellbeing Company Limited by Guarantee				528,378			528,378
Ionad Pobail Cholmcille Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta			12,396				12,396
Irish Advocacy Network Company Limited by Guarantee				12,289			12,289
Kathleen & Michael Connolly Foundation Company Limited By Guarantee			13,028				13,028
Letterkenny C.D.P. CLG					5,863		5,863
Letterkenny Care of the Aged			45,208				45,208
Letterkenny Community Development Project Company Limited By Guarantee			111,978				111,978
Lifford/Clonleigh Resource Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			94,417				94,417
Little Angels School			56,504				56,504
Local Youth and Family Service Company Limited By Guarantee			69,247				69,247
Lumen Healthcare Limited						630,252	630,252
Machaire Le Cheile Company Limited By Guarantee			19,564				19,564
Mental Health Ireland				52,235			52,235
Mevagh Day Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			34,320				34,320
Migraine Association of Ireland					1,031		1,031
MK Expert Providers Limited						2,384,280	2,384,280
Mountain Lodge Nursing Home Limited						10,000	10,000
Moville Care of the Aged			48,680				48,680
Muff Community Development Co-Op Society Ltd (MCD)			1,705				1,705
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY IRELAND COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE				20,000			20,000
My Mind CLG					3,287		3,287
NCBI Services				249,424			249,424

Newtowncunningham (Interchurch) Housing Association Company Limited By Guarantee			71,016				71,016
Newtowncunningham Community First Responders					4,650		4,650
No Barriers Foundation Company Limited By Guarantee			100,265				100,265
Nua Healthcare Services Limited						4,964,151	4,964,151
Orchard Community Care Limited						1,240,029	1,240,029
Peter Bradley Foundation Company Limited by Guarantee				714,936			714,936
Pettigo Community Care			59,306				59,306
Pneuma Healthcare	30,000						30,000
Pobail Le Cheile C.D.P. Company Limited by Guarantee			57,766				57,766
Pobal Escarrach Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta			23,245				23,245
PRAXIS CARE				1,376,299			1,376,299
Raphoe Family Resource Centre					2,670		2,670
Rehab Group (Community Support - Care)				3,433,874			3,433,874
Rehab Group (Learning NLN)				2,933,644			2,933,644
Robert Emmets GAA Club					5,321		5,321
Rosbeg / Downstrands Care of the Aged Committee			20,449				20,449
Scioból na bhFear Men's Shed					4,000		4,000
Serenity House Learning Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			40,000				40,000
Sheephaven Properties Limited						54,184	54,184
Sora Healthcare Limited						1,657,281	1,657,281
Spraoi agus Sport Family Centre Company Limited by Guarantee			22,674				22,674
Spraoi agus Spórt Family Centre Ltd					2,000		2,000
St. Bernadette Special School			39,311				39,311
St. Christopher's Services Company Limited by Guarantee				65,199			65,199
St. Dympnas Faith and Light					3,500		3,500
St. Johnston & Carrigans Family Resource Centre					1,550		1,550

St. Johnston & Carrigans Social Services (Care of the Aged)			5,600				5,600
St. Vincent De Paul - Council of Ireland				321,861			321,861
Talbot Group						384,250	384,250
TEE Care Home Help Services Limited						210,000	210,000
The Alzheimer Society of Ireland				631,453			631,453
The Cheshire Foundation in Ireland				810,103			810,103
The Heart of Variety Ireland Limited					3,000		3,000
The Hygiene Bank Ireland					219		219
The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children				10,000			10,000
The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland				136,721	4,000		140,721
The National Association for the Deaf				157,567			157,567
Twin Towns Friday Club Ballybofey/Stranorlar			2,000				2,000
Western Health & Social Care Trust	12,660						12,660
White Oaks Housing Association Company Limited by Guarantee				501,466			501,466
Grand Total	251,089	6,540	2,259,470	23,924,064	85,203	17,227,931	43,754,296

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W115Q4339	Can we have an updated report of the future master plan for LUH including accommodation capacity for short, immediate and long term plans?	Cllr C Brogan
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A Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH) Capital Programme Oversight Board will be established in 2025 with membership from both WNW Region Management, LUH, Capital & Estates and others as required to oversee the creation of the Development Control Plan (DCP) for the LUH campus.

A Health Planning Consultancy will be appointed to develop the clinical scoping brief and collaborate closely with the design team to support the development of a comprehensive masterplan/ Development Control Plan (DCP) for the campus. The Health Planning consultants will assess and identify both the immediate and future clinical requirements, determining the scope of priority projects. They will contribute to the overall DCP, ensuring it provides a strategic framework for the optimal development of the LUH Campus in alignment with its long-term goals and operational needs of the population served.

Evaluation of tender submissions from Health Planners is currently underway with the tender of the Design Team for the DCP to be issued in Q2 2025.

LUH has prioritised four key major infrastructural projects. Each of these projects can proceed independently of each other on the campus but form part of an agreed overall integrated DCP. The delivery of each, either individually, or in parallel, will result in significant improvements in the capacity of the hospital to meet the needs of the population into the future. When all four projects are complete, they will integrate fully to become a functioning Model 3 hospital for the region.

The four key projects are:

- Bed Expansion
- Emergency and Urgent Care Capacity
- Critical Care Capacity
- Ambulatory Care Block

Ongoing Capital Projects in LUH including Roof Upgrades, Expansion of the Renal Department, New Heating Centre and various other minor capital projects are underway to increase capacity in the short and immediate term in addition to addressing urgent priorities on the LUH Campus.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W115Q4340	Can we have an updated report on the issue outsourcing of blood tests at LUH?	ClIr C Brogan
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The LUH Pathology Department continue to outsource 5.5% of the total GP workload and 3.3% of the total Pathology Department workload. The volume of GP tests referred out to a third party provider is the absolute minimum to relieve the excessive pressure on the provision of service in the Blood Science Department.

LUH continue to explore all options in an attempt to resolve the Blood Science laboratory capacity issue.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W115Q4341	Can we have an updated report on the restoration of day care services in Carndonagh and the new proposed primary care centre?	ClIr C Brogan
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Carndonagh Day Services will become operational from 14th April 2025. The day service will be located in the Spraoi agus Sport facility in Carndonagh. It will operate on a two day per week basis, Monday and Tuesday. Transport has been arranged to assist people in attending the centre. The day service will operate between 10am and 3.30pm and it is anticipated that between 10 – 15 people will attend per day. The activities in the day service will be based on “What Matters to Me” which is a document for older persons to fill out that enables Health care staff to plan care/activities, based on the individuals' preferences. From the day care perspective, the information from the attendees will allow day care staff to plan a schedule of activities from their preferences. Referrals for the service is through local Public Health Nursing. Any queries can be sent to the Director of Nursing, Carndonagh Community Hospital.

The provision of a Primary Care Centre in Carndonagh is currently at appraisal stages.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal