

Miontuairiscí chruinniú an Fhóiraim Sláinte Réigiúnaigh a tionóladh Dé Máirt, 27ú Bealtaine, 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, 27th May 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 Alan Harney*	
Cllr Declan Bree*	Cllr Michael Kilcoyne	
Cllr Marie Casserly*	Cllr Donagh Killilea	Members Absent
Cllr Micheal Collins*	Cllr Michael Loftus*	Cllr Sharon Benson
Cllr Greg Conway	Cllr Eileen Mannion*	Cllr Phyll Bugler
Cllr MJ Crowe*	Cllr Declan Meehan	Cllr Aisling Burke
Cllr Shaun Cuniffe	Cllr Seamus Morris	Cllr John Caulfield
Cllr Gary Doherty	Cllr Sean Moylan	Cllr Bridie Collins
Cllr Valerie Duffy*	Cllr Gerry McMonagle	Cllr Ita Reynolds Flynn
Cllr Paddy Farrell	Cllr Edel McSharry*	Cllr Felim Gurn
Cllr Francis Foley	Cllr Micheál Naughton	Cllr Mary Howard
Cllr Shane Forde*	Cllr JP O'Meara*	Cllr Emer Kelly
Cllr Alma Gallagher	Cllr Dr Evelyn Francis Parsons*	Cllr Rita McInerney
Cllr Liam Galvin	Cllr James Ryan*	Cllr Elisa O'Donovan

*denotes virtual attendance

In attendance:

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
Dermot Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal
Maria Bridgeman Integrated Health Area Manager, HSE Mid West
Ian Carter, CEO Midwest Acute and Older People Services
JJ McGowan, Chief Ambulance Officer – West, NAS
Niall Murray, General Manager Area Operations, NAS
Marian Cavanagh, Regional Health Forum Office
Anna Lyons, Regional Health Forum Office

928/116/25 Minutes of previous meeting – 25th March 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 25th March 2025 were proposed by Cllr Donagh Killilea, seconded by Cllr Francis Foley and adopted.

929/116/25 Matters Arising:

930/116/25 Chairman's Address:

Cllr Ciaran Brogan welcomed new member Cllr Valerie Duffy from Roscommon County Council, who is replacing Senator Gareth Scahill

931/116/25 Questions:

W116Q4342 - Number of dormant graduates being offered employment in the HSE:

Action: Ann Cosgrove to follow up with Maria Ferguson regarding when the numbers of Medical, Nursing and Advanced Health Practitioner graduates will be offered employment in the Galway area and revert to Cllr Donagh Killilea.

W116Q4343 - Occupancy level at the new Medical Off-Site Unit at St John's Community Hospital:

Action: John Fitzmaurice will update Cllr Marie Casserly on the occupancy of the beds in the new Medical Off-Site Unit at St John's Community Hospital.

W116Q4347 – Acute Mental Healthcare in Hospital EDs in Ireland National Survey:

Action: Ann Cosgrove to revert to Cllr Alan Harney regarding whether it is possible to provide a date of when the outcomes of the *Acute Mental Healthcare in Hospital EDs in Ireland National Survey* will be available

W116Q4348 – Hiring of Physician Associates by the HSE:

Action: Ann Cosgrove will follow up with Maria Ferguson to try and ascertain whether the timeframe for the completion of the National Review of Physician Associate/Assistant role is available and what is expected and revert to Cllr Alan Harney. Cllr Harney requested an update prior to the next Regional Health Forum meeting on 24th June 2025.

W116Q4349 - Primary Care Centre Abbeyfeale:

Action: Maria Bridgeman to follow up with Joe Hoare to explore additional uses of HSE properties that may arise following the development of Abbeyfeale Primary Care Centre and revert to Cllr Liam Galvin.

W116Q4353 – Number of patients outsourced for Orthopaedic Procedures 2025:

Action: Ann Cosgrove will clarify for Cllr Shane Forde on the 302 figure for 2025 Outpatients outsourced for Orthopaedic procedures to Kingsbridge Private Hospital, Belfast and Kingsbridge Private Hospital, North West.

W116Q4360 – CAMHS ID Multidisciplinary Team Sligo:

Action: John Fitzmaurice will update Cllr Declan Bree on any progress in relation to the submission to the Estimates process for approval, for development posts to provide staffing for the CAMHS ID Multidisciplinary team for Sligo.

W116Q4363 - Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist GUH:

Action: Ann Cosgrove to revert to Cllr Evelyn Francis Parsons in relation to what is the clinical commitment to Portlincula University Hospital once the Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist takes up the post in July. It was noted that this information will not be available until the Consultant takes up the post.

Estates attendance at Regional Health Forum meetings:

Cllr Ciaran Brogan requested that if Niall Colleary is unable to attend the Regional Health Forum meeting that a representative from the Estates Department be in attendance.

W116Q4366 – Development of the new Primary Care and Enhanced Community Care Services:

Action: Ann Cosgrove to provide Cllr Evelyn Francis Parsons with information on the Capital submission for the development of the new Primary Care and Enhanced Community Care Services in Ballinasloe.

W116Q4372 – Radharc na Sleibhte Carndonagh:

Action: Dermot Monaghan to provide Cllr Gerry McMonagle with the timeline of when the funding will be approved for the project at Radharc na Sleibhte.

W116Q4376 – Buncrana Primary Care Centre:

Action: Cllr Gary Doherty to provide the details of 'Your Service Your Say' feedback by his constituent and Dermot Monaghan will review and revert.

Action: Dermot Monaghan to revert to Cllr Gary Doherty regarding the timelines on other accessibility facilities required including push buttons for doors at Buncrana Primary Care Centre.

W116Q4377 – Buncrana Community Hospital:

Action: Dermot Monaghan to look into whether Beech Hill and Nazareth Home could be considered for short term patients from Buncrana Community Hospital and revert to Cllr Gary Doherty. It was noted at the meeting that only HIQA regulated beds can be utilised.

W116Q4382 – Suaimehneas Room:

Action: Cllr Edel McSharry to submit a supplementary question to John Fitzmaurice in relation to the Suaimehneas Room via the Regional Health Forum office.

W116Q4387 – CAMHS Service in the Midwest:

Action: Maria Bridgeman to provide Cllr James Ryan with the latest reduction in waitlist figures for CAMHS, Mid West, who have the lowest wait time across the country.

Action: Cllr James Ryan to send on details of the constituent availing of Private service due to CAMHS wait list to Maria Bridgeman.

W116Q4390 – HSE employed advocate for Cancer patients in Clare:

Action: Cllr Antoinette Baker Bashua to email Ian Carter regarding specific concerns relating to the Cancer advocate role and patients 'falling through the cracks'.

Cllr Antoinette Baker Bashua wanted it noted that it should not be left up to a charity to advocate for HSE patients.

W116Q4395 – Dermatology Clinics Sligo:

Action: John Fitzmaurice to provide Cllr Declan Meehan with the number of patients on the SUH Wait List for Dermatology that have Donegal addresses.

W116Q4395 –Review of Dermatology Services by Medicine MCAN:

Action: Ann Cosgrove to revert to Cllr Declan Meehan regarding when the Medicine MCAN review of Dermatology Services for the West North West Region will be completed.

W116Q4396 – Audiology Appointments:

Action: Cllr Declan Meehan requested the wait times for first and review Community Audiology appointment per County and the number waiting.

The Standing Orders were suspended due to time; Cllr Gerry McMonagle proposed the continuation and it was seconded by Cllr Declan Meehan and carried. The meeting resumed.

W116Q4400 – Social Worker Vacancies:

Action: Ann Cosgrove to provide Cllr Eileen Mannion with more details on the 12 approved Social Worker Vacancies in Galway, Mayo and Roscommon; how long are they vacant and when they are hoping to fill them.

W116Q4404 – Speech and Language East Mayo:

Action: Mary Warde to source information for Cllr Alma Gallagher on why the Speech and Language Service is reduced from three to two day's only.

W116Q4406 – List of Dentists accepting Medical Card Patients in Mayo:

Action: Mary Warde to provide Cllr Alma Gallagher with the list of Dentists accepting Medical Card patients in Mayo.

W116Q4409 – Errigal Chronic Disease Hub:

Action: Cllr Brogan to issue a letter of appreciation from the RHF members to the management and staff of the Errigal Chronic Disease Hub in Letterkenny via the IHA Manager Donegal.

932/116/25 Motions:

W116M205– Multiservice Surgical Block at Sligo University Hospital:

This Motion was proposed by Cllr Declan Bree, seconded by Cllr Edel McSharry and agreed by all Councillors present.

W116M207– Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD):

This Motion was proposed by Cllr James Ryan, seconded by Cllr Gerry McMonagle and agreed by all Councillors present.

W116M208– Supporting information on decision made regarding the location of Surgical Hub in the North West:

This Motion was proposed by Cllr Declan Meehan, seconded by Cllr Gerry McMonagle and agreed by all Councillors present.

933/116/25 Any other Business:

934/116/25 Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The next **Regional Health Forum Meeting AGM** will take place on Tuesday, 24th June 2025 at 2pm in Galway.

The next **Regional Health Forum Committee Meeting** will take place on Tuesday, 21st October 2025 at 2pm in Castlebar.

Signed:

Cathaoirleach/Chairman

Adopted at the Regional Health Forum West meeting

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES RECEIVED
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W117Q4431	Student nurses – training numbers Donegal, Sligo, Mayo, Galway, Clinical Co-ordinators employed by HSE	Cllr E McSharry	11-12
W117Q4432	2024, Q1 2025 number of Donegal patients who received surgical treatment in SUH and GUH.	Cllr D Meehan	13-14
W117Q4433	Capital expenditure in each hospital in the West and North West region.	Cllr D Meehan	14-15
W117Q4434	Number of Donegal patients seen at the vascular surgery clinic and at the rapid access prostate clinic.	Cllr D Meehan	15
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W117Q4439	Update on the disposal of Health Centres in Ballygar and Aughrim.	Cllr A Harney	18
W117Q4440	Vetting process of Carers.	Cllr F Gurn	18
W117Q4441	Staff carer's ratio per patient in HSE nursing homes in Sligo/ Leitrim?	Cllr F Gurn	18
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W117Q4444	St Joseph's Hospital Ennis – Retirements.	Cllr R McNerney	19-20
W117Q4445	Opening hours at the new CATH Lab in University Hospital Limerick.	Cllr R McNerney	20
W117Q4446	Proposed new Community Nursing Unit in Ennis?	Cllr R McNerney	20-21
W117Q4447	2024 Attendance figures for at Local Injury Units, Western region.	Cllr R McNerney	21-22
W117Q4448	CAMHS-ID multidisciplinary team posts in Sligo.	Cllr D Bree	22
W117Q4449	Chronic Pain Service in Sligo University Hospital.	Cllr D Bree	22
W117Q4450	Hydrotherapy pool in Cregg House, Sligo.	Cllr D Bree	23
W117Q4451	Money owed by private health insurance companies to West and North West Hospitals (listed).	Cllr D Bree	23-24
W117Q4452	Disposal of Renbrack House in Boyle.	Cllr S Moylan	24
W117Q4453	Progress of the HSE Primary Care Centre in Ballaghadreen.	Cllr S Moylan	24
W117Q4454	Any plans for a dental surgery and pharmacy in the new Primary Care Centre in Ballaghadreen?	Cllr S Moylan	24
W117Q4455	Day surgeries have been done in LUH in 2024.	Cllr C Brogan	24
W117Q4456	Endoscopy service in LUH, timeframe for a permanent unit?	Cllr C Brogan	24-25
W117Q4457	Proposed model 3 hospital report from LUH, roadmap for the future development plans for LUH?	Cllr C Brogan	25
W117Q4458	Schedule of work, all areas and in capital investment programme in Donegal?	Cllr C Brogan	26
W117Q4459	Role of Security staff working in UHG with patients in a one to one situation.	Cllr E Mannion	26
W117Q4460	ED UHG- assessment of patients presenting with mental health issues.	Cllr E Mannion	26
W117Q4461	Staffing levels in the Estates Department.	Cllr E Mannion	26
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W117Q4463	Pain Clinic in Sligo University Hospital.	Cllr M Casserly	27
W117Q4464	A&E attendees with Mental Health issues, 10 - 24 years of age, Galway/Roscommon region.	Cllr V Duffy	27-28
W117Q4465	Mental health staffing in the Galway/Roscommon area.	Cllr V Duffy	28-29

Number:	QUESTION	RAISED BY
W117Q4411	In light of the recent revelations that a deeply concerning number of hip surgeries for children with Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH) were deemed clinically inappropriate at national level, can the HSE confirm how many of these procedures were carried out in the Galway/Roscommon area — how many will require follow up care in line with the Audit recommendations? What steps are now being taken to review these cases locally, to be fully transparent with affected families, and to ensure this cannot happen again?	Cllr E F Parsons
<p>In 2020 a Service Level Agreement was put in place between Galway University Hospital (GUH) and Children's Health Ireland (CHI) to provide a service and local access for GUH Paediatric patients with Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH).</p> <p>These surgeries were carried out by Paediatric Orthopaedic Consultants from Crumlin. Since that time, any paediatric patient who required surgical intervention for DDH has had their procedures carried out in CHI at Crumlin.</p> <p>Following the audit a review was undertaken as requested by the HSE. From the initial review, we identified that a small number of surgeries took place in GUH by CHI Paediatric Orthopaedic Consultants. Upon further review of our data and broadening of the scope, we can confirm that there are 22 patients who had their surgery performed in GUH between 2020 & 2023 by surgeons from Crumlin.</p> <p>The recent audit reported that children who had surgery in CHI at Crumlin were found to have been appropriately selected for surgery based on the current standards used by the auditor.</p> <p>Appropriate follow-on communication and care will be provided to these children in line with best practice and recommendations from the audit.</p> <p>A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon</p>		
W117Q4412	In relation to home helps in County Mayo, how many people are receiving home help currently in County Mayo; the number of people receiving 1 hour or less per day 7 days a week; the number of people receiving 2 hours or more per day 7 days a week; the number of people approved for home help and who are awaiting same; the number of people who have applied for home help and are awaiting a decision?	Cllr M Kilcoyne
<p>Mayo Home Support data as of end of April 2025:</p> <p>Mayo Home Support delivered 48,458 hours to 1,595 clients in April Mayo home support waiting list at the end of April is, 245</p> <p>The average home support hours per week per client in Mayo is 6.3 hrs. Our allocation ranges from zero to max of 17.5 hours depending on care needs. However in exceptional circumstance it can increase to 21 hours home support to support complex care needs of client. We also provide short term care to facilitate discharge from hospital following post-operative surgery, e.g. total hip replacement, back surgery, etc.</p> <p>Home Support do not have an I.T. System available to collate the information as per request, i.e. the number of clients receiving 1 hour, 2 hours or more, etc.</p> <p>Please note an I.T. System for the Home Support Statutory Scheme has gone to Tender nationally and this will include a reporting feature to capture this data.</p> <p>M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo</p>		

W117Q4413	What is the average length of time in County Mayo for approval for the Fair Deal Scheme? When the 3 year period has lapsed for a reduction in the patient's contribution e.g. the value of their house, is the reduction done automatically by the HSE or does the person availing of the Fair Deal scheme have to notify the HSE and how long does it take for the HSE to confirm the reduction has been done?	Cllr M Kilcoyne
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The average processing times in Co. Mayo currently stands at 58 days.

The 3 year cap is automatically applied to the property within the month it is due, with a letter issuing to the applicant and the relevant Nursing Home once the action has been completed.

M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

W117Q4414	In Mayo University Hospital what criteria is used to determine if a patient should be transferred to another hospital e.g. Dublin or Galway? Who is involved in the making this decision? Are the views of the family taken into account?	Cllr M Kilcoyne
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Any decision to transfer a patient for care and treatment from Mayo University Hospital to another health care facility is based on the clinical need and the service best placed to meet or provide the treatment required. In line with National treatment pathways (head injury for example) there are established receiving hospitals.

There may be cases (for example in elective or less-urgent situations) where a patient may have a preference (based on an established treatment relationship with a specific consultant) and if appropriate and accepted for the transfer by the consultant, a patient would transfer to that facility.

Where a patient is an adult and has capacity, decisions about their care and transfer are informed by the patient's clinical need and discussion with the patient.

M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

W117Q4415	How many patients referred to Mayo University Hospital by their G.P are waiting to be seen by a consultant? How many are waiting for less than 12months; more that 12months but less than 2 years and how many are 2 years or more waiting?	Cllr M Kilcoyne
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Source of Referral	< 12 months	12 - 24 months	> 24 months	
GP	4124	294	133	
Breakdown by Speciality	0-12 months	12 to 24 months	> 24 months	Total
Cardiology	474	32	0	506
Dermatology	188	126	129	443
Ear Nose and Throat (ENT)	453	0	0	453
Gastroenterology	1	0	0	1
General Medicine	479	43	0	522
General Surgery	703	33	1	737
Gynaecology	362	1	0	363
Nephrology	13	0	0	13
Orthopaedics	926	1	0	927
Paediatric Medicine	149	0	0	149
Respiratory Medicine	274	38	0	312
Urology	102	20	3	125
Grand Total	4124	294	133	4551

M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

W117Q4416	How much has the HSE west spent on taxis for patients from 2020 in both Merlin and UCHG.	Cllr S Forde
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The cost of Taxi's is as follows:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Taxis	€1,237,015	€1,644,065	€2,065,064	€2,063,717	€2,244,081

These taxi's provide transport for dialysis patients to and from their dialysis treatment in GUH.

Taxis tender is currently advertised with procurement and closing date is the 30th June 2025.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4417	What is the current delay for patients to receive a CT Colonoscopy at UCHG, and how many of these procedures do we carry out each week.	Cllr S Forde
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- Currently, 1 CT Colonoscopy is performed per week, in the Radiology Department.
- These CT speciality exams take approximately 50 / 60 minutes to perform from start to finish.
- Currently, both CT scanners in use in GUH are providing imaging for 75-85 inpatients & outpatients per day.
- Recently, a piece of digital equipment (insufflator) was approved for these speciality CT exams which will assist in reducing the length of time taken to perform the exam (i.e. to 30 minutes approximately). Radiology Registrars are currently undergoing training on how to use this equipment which should be completed in the coming weeks.

Once, training is completed, the new piece of equipment will be used for this exam. This will enable Radiology in GUH to perform an additional number of CT Colonoscopies per week i.e. an increase of 2 patients a week. This will be 3 in total, which will be kept under review.

This will reduce wait times for our patients, provide early diagnosis and timely follow up treatment/surgeries.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4418	What monies since 2020 have been paid out to the Bus company that runs the Transport scheme between Merlin and UCHG.	Cllr S Forde
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Please see figures below:

Name	Year	Amount
City Direct Bus Ltd	2020	€307,247
City Direct Bus Ltd	2021	€307,248
City Direct Bus Ltd	2022	€348,484
City Direct Bus Ltd	2023	€368,545
City Direct Bus Ltd	2024	€242,229
EKTL Ltd	2024	€143,650

The Galway University Hospitals shuttle bus service is available for use by HSE Staff and Patients who have appointments at University Hospital Galway or Merlin Park University Hospital.

The staff shuttle bus tender process commenced on the 1st August 2024, EKT LTD are the current provider until reviewed again on the 1st August 2026.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4419	Have talks started with Active travel within GCC and the HSE about expediting a new entrance and Exit from Merlin Park Hospital and what	Cllr S Forde
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	plans are in place to have extra services in place for Bus transport when the Surgical Hub opens.	
<p>GUH have a mobility management plan for the Merlin Park University site. As part of this plan we have identified the requirement to liaise with Bus Eireann.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 11 p.m. Monday to Friday.</p> <p>The HSE will continue to liaise with Bus Eireann and other public transport providers to review current usage of services to the Merlin Park campus and the need for increased capacity, if warranted.</p> <p>A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon</p> <p>The bus connects planning application related to the Dublin road widening at MPUH is in process and the HSE had engaged with GCC in relation to making a submission in support of the project.</p> <p>There will continue to be engagement with GCC & partners regarding the bus connects project. In this regard the new proposed entrance to MPUH will be a dedicated project in time to enhance the access to MPUH to support the future development of the campus.</p> <p>N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates</p>		
W117Q4420	In light of the transfer of high-risk and twin pregnancies to GUH — itself previously subject to maternity care case reviews — the emergence of a new case review at PUH despite the appointment of external senior management, and the shared clinical governance structure between both hospitals, will the HSE now commission a full independent external systemic review to rigorously assess the quality and safety of care for mothers and babies in PUH and GUH, and to restore public trust and confidence in maternity services across Galway?	Cllr E F Parsons
<p>An external management team remains in place in Portiuncula University Hospital (PUH) to oversee all elements of maternity and neonatal care. The team are working closely with the Women and Children's Network in the region and the local maternity unit to ensure quality and safety in the service.</p> <p>There are a number of independent, external reviews being carried out into the care provided to women and their babies in PUH and we expect a number of these to be completed shortly. Each of these independent reviews follows the HSE's Incident Management Framework.</p> <p>Once completed the findings of each individual review will be shared with the families involved.</p> <p>A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon</p>		
W117Q4421	Can the HSE confirm whether a sales agent has now been appointed to carry out the marketing and disposal of surplus assets at St Brigid's Hospital Campus in Ballinasloe as was signalled for June, and whether a decision has been reached on the future long term rental or use of the agricultural lands on the site?	Cllr E F Parsons
<p>The tender competition to appoint a sales agent is underway and the tender returns are due back at the beginning of July with the appointment of the successful agent to follow thereafter.</p>		

The leasing of the agricultural lands will continue this year for another year.

The outcome of the disposal process will determine which lands will be available for future leasing for agricultural/farming purposes.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W117Q4422	Please provide information on the rollout of a new OT initiative - POTTS (Partnering for Occupational Therapy Telehealth Services) starting first in Galway and Roscommon, to deliver occupational therapy supports for children aged 8–13 with Dyspraxia/DCD and related needs.	Cllr E F Parsons
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POTTS (Partnering in Occupational Therapy Telehealth Services) is a programme that is currently operating on a national basis through Dyspraxia/DCD Ireland in partnership with the University of Limerick (UL).

With the announcement of funding for this initiative in the West, a working group has been established and includes clinical and management representatives from both Primary Care and Children's Disability Network teams. The working group will review criteria and access for children on both Primary Care and Community Disability Network Teams waiting lists with regard to DCD- Dyspraxia services. Networks 4, 5, 6 in Galway have been selected as a pilot hub in which to offer this initiative, with plans to roll out this programme across wider hub networks in Roscommon/ East Galway and in Mayo. The initial pilot will focus on children from age 8-13 years old. Services will include diagnostic assessments, hand writing assessments, 1:1 interventions, groups and education sessions. Holiday days and various camps will also be offered.

An Occupational Therapy led review of waiting lists across both CDNT and Primary Care services is underway to identify children for inclusion in this initiative.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4423	What is the current position of the proposed Primary Care Centre for Oughterard. Has it gone for tender? What is the projected timeline for the delivery of the centre?	Cllr E Mannion
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The procurement process for the proposed centre at Oughterard is due to commence in early Q3 2025. The estimated delivery timeframe for a PCC of this size would be 3-4 years from initiation on the basis that there are no delays experienced with the legal negotiations, no delays associated with the site acquisition or funding provision and no delays in obtaining planning permission.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W117Q4424	Can the HSE inform me what type of Diabetes Pump is currently used to treat Children with Type 1 Diabetes and have they any plans to upgrade the Pumps to wireless Pumps?	Cllr G McMonagle
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Current Diabetes pumps used in Ireland to treat Children with Type 1 Diabetes are :

- Medtronic 780g
- Tandem T Slim
- Ypsomed CamsAPS

Wireless pumps (Omnipod) are not available in Ireland as the company did not submit to tender.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4425	What is the Bed Capacity at the Psychiatric Unit at Letterkenny University Hospital Campus the typical length of time a patient spends in the unit the number of Psychiatric Nurses, Doctors and other medical staff working in the unit and how many current staff vacancies are there?	Cllr G McMonagle
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- Bed Capacity in the Department of Psychiatry (DOP) at Letterkenny Hospital is currently 34 beds.
- The average length of stay in Hospital varies from patient to patient from one week to six weeks
- The Number of Psychiatric Nurses is 40.
- There are currently eight Consultant Psychiatrists, one Liaison Consultant and four CAMHS Consultants.
- There are fourteen other staff members including Medical Staff, NCHDs and GP Trainees as well as four NCHDs for CAMHS and liaison.
- There are currently fourteen Nursing positions vacant including six HCAs and these are currently covered by agency.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W117Q4426	Can the HSE provide me with the information in tabular form of how many patients from LUH were referred for treatment under the National Treatment Purchase Fund to Northern Ireland for surgical and other treatments since 2020 to 2025?	Cllr G McMonagle
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Inpatient/Day cases OUTSOURCING	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD May	TOTAL
TOTAL	574	876	874	1170	1065	367	4926

Endoscopy	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD May	TOTAL
	88	671	727	440	345	253	2524

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W117Q4427	Can I have an update on the current staff vacancies in the CDNT areas of East Donegal, Inishowen, North Donegal, South Donegal and West Donegal?	Cllr G McMonagle
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There is a steadily improving scenario in relation to staffing levels in the four CDNTs covering the Donegal Integrated Healthcare Area.

Please see comparative data for May 2024 as compared to May 2025:

	Approved WTE Positions	Vacant WTE Positions	% of Positions Vacant
May 2024	81.3	30.9	38%
May 2025	78.3	16.5	21%

The table below outlines the current breakdown of staff vacancies, by discipline, grade code and Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) in each County Donegal CDNT area, i.e., Donegal East, Donegal South West, Donegal North and Donegal Inishowen, as at 31st May 2025.

Children's Disability Network Team Vacant Posts in Co. Donegal as at 31st May, 2025			
CDNT	Discipline	Grade Code	WTE
Donegal Inishowen	Senior Occupational Therapist	3301	1
	Senior Physiotherapist	3158	0.8

	Grade IV Assistant Staff Officer	0558	1
		Total	2.8
Donegal South West	Senior Physiotherapist	3158	1
	Staff Grade Speech & Language Therapist	336Y	1
	Staff Grade Physiotherapist	314X	1
	Senior Occupational Therapist	3301	0.9
		Total	3.9
Donegal East	Senior Physiotherapist	3158	1
	Staff Grade Physiotherapist	314X	1
	Grade V Staff Officer	0566	1
		Total	3
Donegal North	Social Care Worker	3029	0.8
	Senior Speech & Language Therapist	3379	1
	Staff Grade Psychologist	3689	2
	Social Worker, Team Leader	3902	1
	Senior Occupational Therapist	3301	1
	Senior Clinical Psychologist	367Y	1
		Total	6.8

The total number of CDNT vacancies in the Donegal Integrated Healthcare Area as at 31st May 2025 is 16.5 WTE. By discipline/grade this is summarised below:

- Administration – 2 WTE
- Occupational Therapy - 2.9 WTE
- Physiotherapy – 4.8 WTE
- Psychology – 3 WTE
- Social Care – 0.8 WTE
- Social Work – 1 WTE
- Speech & Language Therapy – 2 WTE

Based on the most recent Human Resources Sharepoint report available, the current status in respect of recruitment to Donegal CDNT vacant positions is as follows:

	Recruitment Status				
	Approval Process Stage	Campaign Underway	Post at Offer Stage	Post Accepted	Recruitment Complete – Start Date Agreed
Number of Posts	2	3	3	4	3

Actions being taken to address CDNT vacancies at a national and local HSE level include:

- The HSE Human Resources department have continuing CDNT rolling campaigns in place. Interviews for these rolling campaigns take place routinely across all grades for CDNTs, and interview dates are arranged with CDNTs on an ongoing basis.
- Continued focus on establishing and updating panels across all grades is supported by rolling campaigns.
- Posts are expressed to all panels held for the discipline/grade in an effort to fill.
- Information on all vacancies is tracked on a weekly basis to ensure any appropriate follow up actions are progressed as timely as possible.

- Further bursary sponsorship provided to students of Letterkenny Atlantic Technological University (ATU) in the areas of Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Dietetics with students receiving bursaries taking up employment in CDNTs for a minimum three year period when they graduate.
- An increase in the number of Assistant Psychology posts being sponsored has been agreed for each Health Region.
- Under the Progressing Disability Services (PDS) Roadmap and the associated service improvement programme, CDNTs will receive a number of new development clinical grade and therapy assistant grade posts across Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo in 2025. The number of posts will be allocated by national HSE further to its negotiations with the Department of Children, Disability and Equality.
- Student clinical education placements are being provided ongoing to attract students when qualified to work in Donegal CDNTs.
- Initiatives in relation to staff education opportunities and staff health and welfare are provided to support retention of the existing workforce.
- Increased numbers of undergraduate and postgraduate training places are being provided in key disciplines.
- Active overseas recruitment with relocation packages available.
- Recruitment fairs, including virtual recruitment fairs to engage with overseas candidates, are being run.

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

W117Q4428	Has the pain consultant been appointed at SUH? Is the pain clinic fully operational and seeing patients, How many patients are waiting to be seen (new patients and existing patients) and what is the current waiting time to be seen by the pain consultant?	Cllr E McSharry
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Interviews for the permanent Pain Consultant posts were held earlier in May. Following these interviews, we have two recommended candidates who are now going through the final stages of the recruitment process through Public Appointments Office, and one of the Pain Consultants is due to commence in September 2025, for the permanent post.

Recruitment to fill these 2 vacant Consultant posts on a temporary basis has also been actively ongoing without success.

Clinics will resume when Consultants have commenced in SUH, however, the dates are not available at this time. The waiting times for Pain Services in SUH is below:

OPD Pain WL 16.05.25								
Specialty	9-12 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	18-21 months	21-24 months	24-36 months	36-48 months	Grand Total
Pain Relief	4	18	49	33	18	27	3	152

In Patient/Day Case Pain WL 16.06.25									
Specialty	3-6 Months	6-8 Months	8-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18-24 Months	24-36 Months	36-48 Months	Grand Total
Pain Relief	5	9	20	56	34	35	7	1	167

Follow up Planned Procedures Pain 16.05.25
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J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan

W117Q4429	Further to the update at the last meeting what stage is the project at now? Has the surgical hub business plan and options been given to the Minister?	Cllr E McSharry
<p>The business case for the Sligo Surgical Hub was approved by the HSE Board at the May meeting and it has been submitted to the Department of Health awaiting approval to proceed to the next stage in the process.</p> <p>N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates</p>		
W117Q4430	Has a quality and safety audit been carried out on orthopaedic theatre at SUH. Has the elective surgery resumed and how many operations were rescheduled as a result since the pause? What progress has been made on finding a solution to the current conditions of the building?	Cllr E McSharry
<p>An external Health & Safety Audit inspection was carried out on the orthopaedic theatres and all required actions will now be progressed.</p> <p>Regarding the resumption of elective activity, theatre lists have recommenced and work is ongoing to agree dates for the cancelled patients in the coming months.</p> <p>Immediate Actions:</p> <p>Immediate repairs were carried out by the HSE Maintenance team week after Easter break following leak on Good Friday. The HSE Maintenance team identified water ponding on roof after heavy rainfall and appointed a Roofing Contractor to install drainage channels within existing roof build up to take excess water to roof outlets. The cost of the works permitted direct negotiation with the contractor in this case. These works were completed week ending 9th May. The roofing contractor also identified other potential water ingress points at the junction of plant room louvres and roof upstands. Additional flashing has been added to plant room wall to divert water outside upstand.</p> <p>There has been heavy rainfall in the intervening period since the remedial works were completed and there has been no evidence of further leaks in the theatre space.</p> <p>Roof Replacement</p> <p>The more permanent solution proposed to address any deficiencies with the roof is to upgrade the entire roof area over the theatre department. These works are currently out to tender and works are due to be completed Q3 2025.</p> <p>J Fitzmaurice, Integrated Health Area Manager, Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal, West Cavan</p>		
W117Q4431	How many students nurses in all disciplines are currently being trained across this region Donegal Sligo Mayo Galway? How many will be students nurses will commence education next year in this region, will this be an increase or decrease? How Clinical coordinators are employed by the HSE for each discipline in each centre? Has the ratio of 1 student to 30 Clinical placement coordinators (as per NMBI standards been maintained) Is there a current deficit of CPCs in any centre and is it the intention to recruit CPC to accommodate the current number of students and those who will commence their education next year?	Cllr E McSharry
<p>Please find below data in relation to nursing students for 2022, provided by National HR. They are currently waiting on 2023 HEI data, and the number of nurses commencing education next year is not available to this time.</p>		

	2022 College Input	2022 College output	2022 College input
Intellectual Disability Nursing	30	30	ATU - Sligo, Galway City, Donegal, NUIG
General Nursing	210	155	General - ATU - Sligo, Galway City, Donegal & Mayo, NUIG
Midwifery	25	10	Midwifery - NUIG
Mental Health	80	70	ATU - Sligo, Galway City, Donegal & Mayo, NUIG
Nursing & Midwifery	345	265	

Clinical Placement Coordinators are directly employed by the HSE in each Hospital site and in Mental Health and Disability Services in the community.

I can confirm that the West North West region are fully compliant with NMBI recommended standards of 1 CPC to 30 students and the table below sets out the number of CPCs employed in each of our hospital sites:

Hospital / Service	WTE Clinical Placement Coordinators
Galway University	10.39
Sligo University	8.01
Letterkenny University	7.52
Mayo University	6.17
Portlincula University	1.74
Roscommon University	0.88
Overall Result	34.71

I can confirm that our region will be in a position to offer a contract to all successful candidates across nursing and midwifery in the hospitals and community in 2025.

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

W117Q4432	In 2024 and Q1 2025 how many patients with Donegal addresses received surgical treatment in SUH and GUH (please give numbers for each hospital and please provide breakdown per specialty)?	Cllr D Meehan
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Sligo University Hospital:

Q1 2025

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	DAYCASE	INPATIENT
Otolaryngology	160	67	93
Gynaecology	19	8	11
Ophthalmology	855	848	7
Orthopaedics	72	39	33
Oral & Maxillofacial surgery	16	15	1
General Surgery	130	62	68
Urology	29	18	11
TOTAL	1281	1057	224

Sligo University Hospital:

Full year 2024

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	DAYCASE	INPATIENT
Otolaryngology	768	297	471
Gynaecology	110	42	68
Ophthalmology	3406	3376	30
Orthopaedics	371	202	169
Oral & Maxillofacial surgery	33	31	2
General Surgery	582	346	236
Urology	158	119	39
Pain Relief	38	38	0
TOTAL	5466	4451	1015

The above data relates to all patients with Donegal address, including those which fall within the catchment profile for SUH, and those for the regional northwest surgical services, i.e. ENT and Ophthalmology.

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

Galway University Hospital:

2024		
(Includes New Patients, Planned Procedures)		
	Elective	Emergency
Anaesthesia	14	0
Breast Surgery	15	0
Cardiology	454	923
Cardiothoracic Surgery	42	48
Clinical Immunology	46	0
Dermatology	7	0
Ear Nose and Throat (ENT)	143	7
Endocrinology	7	4
Gastroenterology	30	16
General Medicine	7	0
General Surgery	201	20
Geriatric Medicine	1	9
Haematology	90	27
Infectious Diseases	4	7
Medical Oncology	179	8
Nephrology	50	7
Neurology	36	3
Obstetrics	19	17
Ophthalmology	109	16
Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery	65	11
Orthopaedics	122	21
Paediatric Medicine	6	9
Pain Relief	20	0
Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetics Surgery	303	201
Radiation Oncology	1744	19
Radiology	15	1
Respiratory Medicine	98	9
Rheumatology	18	0
Urology	524	31
Vascular	100	110
TOTAL	4469	1524

2025 (Jan-Mar)		
(Includes New Patients, Planned Procedures)		
	Elective	Emergency
Anaesthesia	0	0
Breast Surgery	8	3
Cardiology	94	280
Cardiothoracic Surgery	15	10
Clinical Immunology	15	0
Dermatology	0	0
Ear Nose and Throat (ENT)	28	0
Endocrinology	0	0
Gastroenterology	3	0
General Medicine	1	1
General Surgery	30	3
Geriatric Medicine	0	5
Haematology	22	10
Infectious Diseases	0	0
Medical Oncology	28	1
Nephrology	7	2
Neurology	3	1
Obstetrics	4	1
Ophthalmology	25	5
Oral And Maxillofacial Surgery	25	3
Orthopaedics	28	2
Paediatric Medicine	6	3
Pain Relief	6	0
Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetics Surgery	57	47
Radiation Oncology	338	1
Radiology	3	0
Respiratory Medicine	20	2
Rheumatology	7	7
Urology	93	12
Vascular	6	21
TOTAL	872	420

Please note this also includes types of surgical/medical intervention patients such as Chemotherapy, Angiograms etc.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4433	Can we have an itemized breakdown of capital expenditure in each hospital in the West and North West region that relates specifically to the creation of additional, or improvement of existing, clinical space specifically for secondary care only, for the timeframe of 2020-2025?	Clr D Meehan
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	Please provide the figures per hospital and outline what each allocation relates to.	
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Please see Appendix 1.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W117Q4434	How many patients are seen at the vascular surgery clinic and at the rapid access prostate clinic per month for the last 12 months, who have Donegal addresses? Has the option of satellite clinics for these specialties ever been explored for LUH?	Clr D Meehan
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Month		GUH Clinics (Appointments - Donegal Patients)	
		Vascular Surgery clinics	Rapid Access Prostate Clinics
2024	June	11	14
2024	July	9	19
2024	August	3	2
2024	September	6	4
2024	October	1	10
2024	November	9	24
2024	December	2	13
2024	January	5	20
2025	February	7	7
2025	March	9	11
2025	April	13	9
2025	May	22	12
Total		97	145

	Attended	DNA	Cancelled
Rapid Access Prostate Clinics	141	3	1
Vascular Surgery	76	9	12

The RAPC are required to operate within a designated cancer centre as part of the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP). This model is to endeavour to ensure that patients receive timely and coordinated care in line with national standards.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

LUH currently do not have a Vascular Surgeon, any referrals received for vascular services in LUH are referred to GUH. There is no proposal to progress a satellite vascular service here in LUH.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W117Q4435	Can we be provided with the numbers of patients availing of the three-day LUH-GUH bus service since its introduction, as well as the number of patients availing of the five-day SUH-GUH bus service since its introduction?	Clr D Meehan
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Please see details below for the Letterkenny University Hospital to Galway bus service which travels 3 days per week.

LUH - UHG									
2024									
	Under 16 yrs	17 -30 yrs	31-50 yrs	51-64 yrs	65 yrs +	Not specified	Days travelled	Patients	Average per day
Aug	0	0	2	7	6	0	6	15	3
Sep	0	1	5	13	14	0	13	33	3
Oct	0	1	6	4	13	0	10	24	2
Nov	0	1	6	4	15	0	11	26	2
Dec	0	2	5	6	13	2	4	28	7
2025									
	Under 16 yrs	17 -30 yrs	31-50 yrs	51-64 yrs	65 yrs +	Not specified	Days travelled	Patients	Average per day
Jan	1	0	8	12	9	0	9	30	3
Feb	0	2	10	4	14	1	11	31	3
Mar	0	2	6	16	13	0	11	37	3
Apr	1	3	7	16	10	2	13	39	3
May	0	1	8	17	4	0	11	30	3
TOTAL 2024	126								
TOTAL 2025	167								

Please note this was a pilot scheme to review the demand which began in August 2024.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

The number of passengers that availed of the SUH-GUH oncology bus service are as follows:

- 2024 - 2,042 passengers
- Up to the end of May 2025 – 903 passengers

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

W117Q4436	<p>St brigids hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • please provide an update on the appointment of a property consultant. • please provide a detailed breakdown of the planned remediation works for the campus in response to the derelict sites notice. • please provide details of plans to provide primary care and mental health services on the retained portion of the campus. 	Cllr A Harney
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The tender competition to appoint a sales agent is underway and the tender returns are due back at the beginning of July with the appointment of the successful agent to follow thereafter.

The HSE are currently engaging with GCC in relation to the derelict sites notice to agree a pragmatic approach to addressing the deficiencies that currently exist on the campus.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

In relation to the Primary Care and Mental Health services retaining on the campus the following services will be provided from the Enhanced Community Care (ECC) Hub;

-Phase I : ICPOP- Integrated Care programme for Older Persons, CDM – Chronic Disease Management, CHN- Community Health network, Primary Care Team, Diagnostics services, Home Support Team, GP Suite

-Phase II - Children's Disability Network Team 8, Older persons - RSMC and Memory and Assessment Service, Modernised care pathway teams (Ophthalmology and Urology), Audiology services, Dental services, Paediatric Services, Social Inclusion – Addiction Services, East Galway Community Adult Mental Health Team & Day Hospital, East Galway Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team & Day Hospital (CAMHs), QSSI (Quality Safety Service

Improvement), Health & Wellbeing Services, Civil Registration, Maintenance Department, National Ambulance Service

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4437	Portiuncula Hospital: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • please provide an update on the timeline for delivery of additional treatment bays in A&E and provide plans of same. • have the necessary works been completed to open a dedicated maternity theatre? • have works been completed to ensure delivery of phone signal in the new 50 bed ward block? 	Cllr A Harney
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Enabling works tenders were returned June 2025, evaluations and determination of the MEAT are being progressed. Statutory submissions including planning permission for new extension to be submitted in the next 2 weeks. Works on new extension programmed to commence Q1 2026 pending prompt planning permission approval and enabling works completion.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

PUH currently has a dedicated 24/7 emergency theatre which covers obstetric cases. The hospital is currently exploring the option of converting a day theatre into a backup for dual emergencies Monday – Friday during peak theatre times.

A new dedicated Ambulatory Gynaecology Unit opened on the 1st April 2025 and this is facilitating the transfer of some gynaecology procedures away from the main theatre. We are also progressing the development and opening of a Maternity Day Assessment Unit in the coming weeks.

A Distributed Antenna System (DAS) was installed in the new 50 bed block with very good results on testing.

DAS helps ensure users have reliable connectivity even in locations with walls, flooring, and other obstacles that degrade cellular coverage. DAS technology is most commonly used in indoor, high-density locations, such as airports, hotels, offices, and other commercial buildings, stadiums or arenas, and outdoor spaces such as urban areas and campuses for first responder communication. This distributed network of antennas ensures that the cellular signal is evenly dispersed and maintained, even in areas with very high user density and demand, typically such as stadiums, convention centres, malls, underground transportation, or large office buildings.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4438	Please provide the numbers of people in east galway who have been approved for the home support service for older people but have not yet had an individual appointed to deliver that service. How many days of absence on average have resulted in people who have a home support service being left without it for a period of time.	Cllr A Harney
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Galway Home Support Data

- Galway Home Support delivered 100,349 hours to 3,635 clients in April.
- Galway home support waiting list at the end of April is 410

The average home support hours per week per client across Galway & Roscommon is 6.3 hrs. Our allocation ranges from zero to max of 17.5 hours depending on care needs. However in exceptional circumstance it can increase to 21 hours home support to support complex care needs of client. We also provide short term care to facilitate discharge from hospital following post-operative surgery, e.g. total hip replacement, back surgery, etc.

Home Support does not currently have an I.T. system available to collate the requested information, such as the average days of absence that have resulted in individuals receiving home support services being left without care for a period of time.

Additionally, we are unable to extract data specifically for East Galway from the broader Galway dataset. Please note that a national tender process is underway for the development of an I.T. system for the Home Support Statutory Scheme. This new system will include a reporting feature designed to capture this type of data.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4439	Please provide an update on the disposal of health centres in ballygar and Aughrim.	Cllr A Harney
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A sales agent to manage the disposal of the properties identified as being surplus to requirements in the Galway/Roscommon area. The formal appointment of the successful firm will be concluded in the coming weeks.

There are 8 properties in total to be disposed of and Aughrim & Ballygar HCs are included on this list.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W117Q4440	Carers who work in state owned nursing homes vetted before they are hired and if Irish person or Non national has been found guilty of neglect of their patients can they work in the sector again.	Cllr F Gurn
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All staff in relevant work are required by law to obtain satisfactory vetting prior to commencing employment. For those who require vetting, it is obtained by the applicant submitting a vetting request form to the HSE's Garda Vetting Liaison Office (GVLO) (through their intended local manager/HR office/National Recruitment Service).

The GVLO review and submit the application to the National Vetting Bureau (NVB) for processing. At the end of the NVB's processing and background searching the NVB return the vetting outcome to the GVLO who inform the local service. This sets-out any convictions or pending charges/relevant information pertaining to the individual, held by the national database of An Garda Síochána (this may also include other databases queried by NVB for Irish persons who lived in certain countries). Where a disclosure is received a risk assessment is completed by the service manager and a determination made as to suitability to continue in the pre-employment clearance process. All International applicants are subject to Garda Vetting and international police clearances also.

Garda Vetting itself is one component of a broader and vigorous pre-clearance process conducted by local HR (or the NRS) in advance of an individual taking up employment, which also includes but is not limited to: reference checking and obtaining International Police Clearance (where required). Local services determine suitability.

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

W117Q4441	What is the ratio of staff carers per patient in HSE nursing homes in Sligo/Leitrim?	Cllr F Gurn
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Each HSE Residential Facility in the Sligo/Leitrim area has its own staff carer to resident ratio.

However, the average staff carer to resident ratios, in HSE Residential Facilities in the Sligo/Leitrim area, are as follows;

- On day duty, there is an average ratio of one staff carer for every four residents.
- On night duty, there is an average ratio of one staff carer for every seven residents.

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

W117Q4442	Does HIQA announce they are doing inspections in state owned nursing homes Sligo/ Leitrim or show up randomly.	ClIr F Gurn
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As directed by HIQA, each HSE Residential Facility must have one announced inspection, every three years. However, in general, HIQA inspections are unannounced.

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

W117Q4443	There obviously is shortage of health care workers in the country and agency staff is filling the void instead of recruiting and offering jobs full time in the sector and which country is most of our health care workers coming from in since we opened up after Covid.	ClIr F Gurn
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The HSE have an international recruitment programme for HSCPs and Nursing, which is managed by the National Recruitment Service

The majority of international applicants are from South East Asia followed by some African countries. Neither the HSE nor the HSE's recruitment partners undertake active recruitment in countries listed in the WHO Safeguards List. International candidates must meet statutory registration and all clearance requirements.

The HSE continues at a regional and national level to seek to attract candidates to work in our services, with rolling campaigns across many grades of Health and Social Care Professional grades, nursing and recruitment ongoing across support grades, patient and client care and clerical administrative grades. All regional recruitment is promoted on our dedicated social media platform Facebook page and on the HSE jobs website. A new Careers Hub has been launched by the HSE where candidates can also learn of ongoing opportunities to work in our services.

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

W117Q4444	<p>In relation to St Joseph's Hospital Ennis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what are the numbers of the annual levels of retirements of patient-facing staff (i.e. nurses, health care assistants and health care attendants) over the last decade? • how many exit interviews were held for those that exited? • how do these figures compare to the average of similar staff retirement figures in the other geriatric settings in the Mid West? 	ClIr R McInerney
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The table below shows the number of annual retirements in St Joseph's patient facing staff from the years 2015-2025.

Year	Nursing & Midwifery	Patient & Client Care	Total
2015	3	2	5
2016	4	5	9
2017	4	1	5
2018	3	2	5
2019	5	6	11
2020	7	2	9
2021	3	3	6
2022	1	2	3
2023	3	2	5
2024	6	3	9
2025	3	0	3

Exit interview data is not available, as these are not conducted within the HSE Mid West Community Services.

Below is a comparison of the average annual retirement rates (2015–2025) for patient-facing staff in other geriatric residential facilities across the Mid West. St. Joseph's Hospital, Ennis shows a higher average rate of retirement

among patient-facing staff compared to its regional counterparts. However as a bigger residential unit this is expected. Retirements of employees would be due to the employees having reached their minimum retirement age or retirement on the grounds of permanent infirmity or ill-health retirement.

Facility	Avg. Annual Retirements
St. Joseph's Hospital, Ennis	6.3
Dean Maxwell Home, Roscrea	1.2
Ennistymon District Hospital	1.5
Hospital of the Assumption, Thurles	2.4
Raheen Hospital	1.0
Regina House, Kilrush	2.2
St. Camillus' Hospital, Limerick	3.3
St. Conlon's Welfare Home, Nenagh	0.7
St. Ita's Hospital, Newcastle West	3.3

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

W117Q4445	What hours is the new CATH Lab open in University Hospital Limerick?	Clr R McInerney
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The opening hours of the new cath labs at University Hospital Limerick are as follows:

- Cath Lab 1: Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00
- Cath Lab 2: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 08:00 to 14:00

The new cath labs create the capacity to increase the volume of cardiology procedures and expand the range of procedures available to cardiology patients in the Mid West.

The laser-guided therapy technology allows for higher imaging quality, management of more complex cases here in the Mid West, and greater safety for cardiologists who are exposed to higher radiation doses than any other healthcare worker.

The new facilities, which have been generously supported by the Munster Heart Foundation and the JP McManus Pro Am, will further enhance UHL's capacity as a nationally-designated 24/7 primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PPCI) centre. UHL is already one of Ireland's best-performing centres for care of patients with STEMI heart attacks, which are among the most serious of coronary events.

New procedures available include renal arterial denervation for life-threatening hypertension, currently being trialled, and structural procedures such as cardiac valve replacement. The new labs also create the capacity for future provision of electrophysiology procedures for complex arrhythmias and other electrical activities of the heart.

The new labs are a major step forward in tackling waiting lists for procedures and wait times for routine outpatient appointments. This means fewer referrals outside the region or to the private sector, and less reliance on lifelong drug therapies for conditions not surgically treated.

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

W117Q4446	What progress has been made on the proposed new Community Nursing Unit in Ennis?	Clr R McInerney
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Clare County Council decision (ref no: 22/709) to grant permission for the proposed new 100 bed HSE residential community nursing unit at Clonroadmore, Ennis and related works remains subject to an appeal to An Bord Pleanála

(ABP-317144-23). There has been some engagement on the matter between the HSE and An Bord Pleanála based on a request that the Applicant submit up to date information in relation to a wastewater connection given the passage of time since the Pre-Connection Enquiry. Following engagement with Uisce Éireann, the Health Service Executive (HSE), as the applicant, submitted a response on 30th May 2025. The HSE remains fully committed to progressing the Ennis CNU project through the statutory planning process, and to ensuring all technical and environmental requirements are satisfied. We await a determination from An Bord Pleanála on the matter. Hopefully this will happen in the coming months, however, we are not in a position to advise of a definite timeframe.

Joe Hoare, Assistant National Director, HSE Capital & Estates Mid-West

W117Q4447	What were the attendance figures for all the Local Injury Units across the Western region in 2024?	Cllr R McNerney
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45,608 patients attended HSE Mid West Injury Units during 2024, representing an 8.9% increase on 2023 attendances.

The below table outlines the attendance figures for HSE Mid West Injury Units by site for 2024.

HSE Mid West Injury Unit attendances			
Month	Ennis	Nenagh	St John's
January	1,036	817	1,351
February	1,080	803	1,259
March	1,298	955	1,434
April	1,430	1,079	1,579
May	1,563	1,245	1,705
June	1,403	1,023	1,365
July	1,425	1,066	1,415
August	1,452	1,141	1,398
September	1,572	1,179	1,665
October	1,480	1,117	1,505
November	1,183	862	1,491
December	1,115	842	1,275
Totals	16,037	12,129	17,442

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

The below table outlines new and review attendances at Roscommon University Hospital Injury Unit for 2024

Injury Unit Presentation @ Roscommon University Hospital 2024	
Month - 2024	Total Presentations
January	1092
February	1208
March	1320
April	1478
May	1634
June	1416
July	1458
August	1416
September	1478
October	1422
November	1204
December	1192
Total	16318

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4448	What specific CAMHS-ID multidisciplinary team posts in Sligo have been submitted for approval; and on what date/s were the posts submitted for approval.	Cllr D Bree
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We are currently arranging to have the Consultant post re-advertised by PAS.

The positions for the CAMHS ID Multidisciplinary Team posts were all submitted in June 2025 through the HR approval process.

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

W117Q4449	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
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Interviews for the permanent Pain Consultant posts were held earlier in May. Following these interviews, we have two recommended candidates who are now going through the final stages of the recruitment process through Public Appointments Office, and one of the Pain Consultants is due to commence in September 2025, for the permanent post.

Recruitment to fill these 2 vacant Consultant posts on a temporary basis has also been actively ongoing without success.

The number of patients that have been outsourced since June 2024 are:

- 259 Patients were offered NTFP Outsourcing
- 164 Patients accepted the Offer of NTPF Outsourcing

There is currently no further approval or funding to refer patients to external / outsource services.

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

W117Q4450	That the Forum be provided with an updated report regarding the hydrotherapy pool in Cregg House, (Sligo), and what progress, if any, has been made with regard to the HSE having use of the pool.	Cllr D Bree
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Senior HSE management recently met with respect to the hydrotherapy pool at the former Cregg Campus, Cregg, Sligo. Following consideration a decision has been made not to progress/pursue a business case pertaining to the re-opening of the hydrotherapy pool at the privately owned former Cregg Campus.

A number of factors were considered in reaching this decision. Substantial financial resources would be required in order to bring the pool to a standard which both adheres to safety regulations and also comprehensively meets the needs of people potentially requiring the service. Furthermore, the HSE is mandated in utilising available resources in the most beneficial, effective and efficient manner. The re-opening of the hydrotherapy pool is not economically viable. Ultimately, the HSE is closing out all its arrangements within the former Cregg Campus. This decision is in line with current national HSE policy, such as the New Directions Policy for Adult Disability Day Services, which focuses on shifting from traditional, disability specific and centre based models of care to more individualised, outcome-focused supports including community inclusion and active citizenship i.e. a community based social model of care. Furthermore, the decision was made following cross care group consultation within the HSE, the future and anticipated demand for hydrotherapy and with the needs of service users to the fore.

Finally, any service user, who is clinically identified as requiring the use of a hydrotherapy pool, may be facilitated in Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.

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

W117Q4451	What is the amount of money owed by private health insurance companies to (1) Sligo University Hospital (2) Mayo University Hospital (3) Letterkenny University Hospital (4) University Hospital Galway (5) Merlin Park University Hospital; and for what periods are the fees outstanding?	Cllr D Bree
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Sligo University Hospital:

Please be advised that the total amount outstanding for SUH is €2,289,419.80 of which €624,851.90 is outstanding for > 1 year.

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

Mayo University Hospital:

The outstanding debt in relation to PHI on direct payments scheme with MUH as follows:

	MUH PHI Report May 2025
Un-Submitted Claims	€957,947.30
Submitted Claims	€958,341.70
TOTAL	€1,916,289.00

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

M Warde, Integrated Health Area Manager, Mayo

Letterkenny University Hospital:

- 1) Value of Submitted claims to PHI companies and which are currently under query at 30th April 2025 is € 83k.
- 2) Value of Submitted claims to PHI companies and awaiting payment at 30th April 2025 is € 456k.

All claims are followed up on a timely basis.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

Galway University Hospitals:

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

	GUH PHI Report May 2025
Un-Submitted Claims	€5,265,588.90
Submitted Claims	€12,537,015.20
TOTAL	€17,802,604.10

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

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4452	Can the Forum please update me with a probable timeline for the disposal of Renbrack House in Boyle? There is a local voluntary childcare group very interested in acquiring this property under favourable terms.	Clr S Moylan
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Renbrack is included on the list of G/R properties to be put up for disposal. It is anticipated that the properties will be put on the market in Q3 and the disposal of Renbrack and the other properties will depend on the market interest at the time of sale.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W117Q4453	Can I be furnished with any updates on the progress of the HSE Primary Care Centre in Ballaghadreen? Has the HSE decided on the most favourable route forward with this project.	Clr S Moylan
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HSE are currently exploring the availability of potential sites in Ballaghadreen and the locality suitable to accommodate a PCC with a view to progressing as a capital funded project as the preferred delivery model.

N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates

W117Q4454	Is there plans for a dental surgery and pharmacy in the new Primary Care Centre in Ballaghadreen?	Clr S Moylan
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A dental suite is included in the schedule of accommodation for the proposed development.

The HSE do not provide accommodation for pharmacies in Primary Care Centres however a developer may include this as part of their proposal.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4455	Can we get a up to date report on how many day surgeries have been done in LUH in 2024, how many have been cancelled due to emergency admissions and how many patients have been outsourced or transferred elsewhere for surgery in the same period ?	Clr C Brogan
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There were 4676 Day Case Surgeries performed in the Day Services Unit in 2024. 151 day case surgeries were cancelled due to the Hospital being in escalation.

In 2024, 2066 patients accepted outsourcing from the Day Services Waiting list.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W117Q4456	Can we have an updated report on the current endoscopy service in LUH with a timeframe for a permanent unit?	Clr C Brogan
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LUH has two Endoscopy rooms which have been insufficient to meet demand for these critical diagnostic procedures. Consequently, LUH has been required to rent a mobile Endoscopy Unit since 2016 to provide additional endoscopy capacity. Following a procurement exercise the contract of extension for the mobile endoscopy unit

currently in situ with EMS Group Solutions Ltd has been extended to the 31st January 2028 with a guaranteed option to extend to 2030. Despite the modular unit providing a third endoscopy room, the endoscopy service is currently having to alternate between a six day week (Monday to Saturday) and a 7-day week (Monday to Sunday) in order to meet patient demand.

The Hospital management Team and all clinical staff within the Endoscopy service are committed to see the development of an endoscopy unit with sufficient capacity to meet the population health needs of Donegal. The current preferred option to achieve this is to incorporate the existing endoscopy service within a larger facility in the LUH Ambulatory Care Centre supported by one remaining room to provide emergency endoscopy procedures in the main Hospital complex.

The provision and location of endoscopy services will be assessed as part of the Health Planning Project currently underway with confirmation of appropriateness for the permanent location confirmed within the Hospital's Development Control Plan.

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W117Q4457	Can we get an updated report on the proposed model 3 hospital report from LUH and a timeframe for the follow up action plan of when will be in a position to be putting forward a proposal to the HSE and the department of health so as to have a definite roadmap for the future development plans for LUH implemented into our national capital plan?	Cllr C Brogan
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LUH has been identified as a Pilot Site for the implementation of recommendations as set out in the Model 3 Hospital Consultant Recruitment and Retention Report (2023) which was commissioned by the RCSI and National Doctors Training and Planning. This strategy is in the final draft stages and awaits consultation with the Regional Chief Clinical Director and Management of the HSE West Northwest.

A Donegal IHA Capital Programme Oversight Board had been established under the chairmanship of Mr. Dermot Monaghan, IHA Manager with membership from services across Donegal IHA and also from HSE Estates. A LUH Health Capital Planning Project Team is being established under the chairmanship of Seán Murphy, Hospital Manager LUH with membership from LUH Clinical Directors and Managers, HSE Estates, and PwC Health Planning Team. The Project Team will report into the Oversight Board. The Project Team will be supported by: a Clinical Advisory Group (including LUH consultants and senior nursing & midwifery managers); User Groups for specific patient pathways; and a Health Planning Team led by PwC.

The Health Planning Consultancy team has been appointed to develop the clinical scoping brief and collaborate closely with the design team to support the development of a comprehensive masterplan/ 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.

LUH has prioritised four key major infrastructural projects. Each of these projects can proceed independently of each other on the campus of each site but will 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.

The four key projects are:

- Acute Bed Expansion
- Additional Critical Care Capacity
- Expansion of Emergency / Urgent Care and Local Injuries Unit
- Ambulatory Care Centre

D Monaghan, Integrated Health Area Manager, Donegal

W117Q4458	Can we have an updated report on a schedule of work in all areas and in our capital investment programme in Donegal?	Cllr C Brogan
Response not available at time of issue.		
N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates		
W117Q4459	Are Security staff working in UCHG minding/attending patients in a one to one situation in the absence of medical personnel acting in place of absent or non-available Health Care Assistants? Do these Security Staff have medical training?	Cllr E Mannion
<p>In GUH, a clinical assessment of the patient is carried out and depending on the outcome of the assessment, it is decided if the patient requires assignment of a Health Care Assistant or/and a Security Officer to provide close patient supervision.</p> <p>The role of the security officer in such duty is to observe a patient and to prevent any harm to themselves or others. The Security Officer does not provide any clinical care to the patients. Overall responsibility for the patient remains with the ward / department clinical staff and at all times such staff are supervising and providing assistance to security officers.</p>		
A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon		
W117Q4460	When are the HSE going to comply with the Mental Health Commission Report and put in place in the Emergency Department of UCHG a qualified psychiatric person to assess patients presenting with mental health issues.	Cllr E Mannion
<p>Mental Health Services has a Liaison Team operating within the ED of UHG which is comprised of the following staff compliment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant Psychiatrists • Registrar • Advanced Nurse Practitioner • CNM2 • Clinical Nurse Specialist for Self Harm x 2 • Clinical Nurse Specialist for Addiction <p>We have submitted a business case to have the ED staffed with Psychiatric Nurses 24/7 in line with the Liaison Model of Care provision.</p>		
A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon		
W117Q4461	Is there sufficient staffing levels in the Estates Department to deal with the increased funding allocations for Capital Works on HSE sites across County Galway?	Cllr E Mannion
All support functions within the HSE including Capital & Estates are experiencing challenges with regard to staffing and resources, however, the Galway office is adequately resourced to deliver on the current capital plan commitments for the County Galway area.		
N Colleary, Assistant National Director, Capital & Estates		
W117Q4462	To seek an update on the Hydrotherapy Pool at the former Cregg House premises in Sligo for supervised public use.	Cllr M Casserly
Senior HSE management recently met with respect to the hydrotherapy pool at the former Cregg Campus, Cregg, Sligo. Following consideration, a decision has been made not to progress/pursue a business case pertaining to the re-opening of the hydrotherapy pool at the former Cregg Campus. I can advise that the former Cregg Campus is now a privately owned facility and is not delivering publically funded health and social care services. Ultimately, the HSE is closing out the remaining arrangements it has within the former Cregg Campus.		

A number of factors were considered in reaching the decision not to progress/pursue the hydrotherapy pool. Substantial financial resources would be required in order to bring the pool to a standard which both adheres to safety regulations and also comprehensively meets the needs of any persons who might require a hydrotherapy service. Furthermore, the HSE is mandated in utilising available resources in the most beneficial, effective and efficient manner. The re-opening of the hydrotherapy pool is not economically viable.

The HSE's decision regarding the hydrotherapy pool is in line with the HSE policy such as the New Directions policy for Adult Disability Day Services which focuses on shifting from traditional, disability specific and centre based models of care to more individualised, outcome-focused supports including community inclusion and active citizenship i.e. a community based social model of care. The availability of accessible aqua facilities throughout communities including the Sligo area was also a consideration in the HSE's decision. Furthermore, the decision was made following cross care group consultation within the HSE to inform the future and anticipated demand for hydrotherapy and/or aqua facilities and with the needs of service users to the fore.

Finally, any service user, who is clinically identified as requiring the specific use of a hydrotherapy pool, may be facilitated in Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.

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

W117Q4463	To seek an update on the Pain Clinic in Sligo University Hospital.	Cllr M Casserly
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Interviews for the permanent Pain Consultant posts were held earlier in May. Following these interviews, we have two recommended candidates who are now going through the final stages of the recruitment process through Public Appointments Office, and one of the Pain Consultants is due to commence in September 2025, for the permanent post. Recruitment to fill these 2 vacant Consultant posts on a temporary basis has also been actively ongoing without success.

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

W117Q4464	The numbers of young people aged 10 - 24 years in the Galway/Roscommon region who attend A&E with mental health issues for each of the years 2020 - 2025	Cllr V Duffy
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Galway University Hospital:

Please see below the number of patients (aged between 10 - 24 years old) who are referred to and seen by the Emergency Department Liaison Psychiatry Team in the GUH Emergency Department from Monday to Fridays:

2020	452
2021	577
2022	532
2023	556
2024	588
2025 (To date 10.06.25)	296

Please note we cannot provide definitive data on the number of patients who present to the Emergency Department with mental health issues at weekends and so these figures are not included in the above.

Portiuncula University Hospital:

As the question includes both adults and children, there were two triage tools used to search for data – the Manchester Triage and the Irish Children's Triage System.

Criteria used for Manchester Triage System (MTS) and Irish Children's Triage System (ICTS): -

MTS (Adults)

Self-Harm

Mental Illness

Overdose & Poisoning

Apparently Drunk

Behaving Strangely

Abuse and Neglect

ICTS (Children)

Overdose & Poisoning

Psychosocial Problems (including self-harm)

PUH - Breakdown of presentations to ED for ages 10 years to 24 years – mental health issues	
2021	13 (Data for November and December 2021)*
2022	233
2023	233
2024	258
2025 (to date 17th June 2025)	106

**PUH went live with a new Patient Administration System in November 2021, therefore there is no like-for-like comparisons for 2020 and Jan-Oct 2021*

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

W117Q4465	The numbers and roles of each health staff person employed to deal with mental health issues in the Galway/Roscommon area?	Cllr V Duffy
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The staff employed across Galway Roscommon Mental Health services are employed to staff our Acute Approved Units, our residential facilities and our Community Mental Health Services. The role of each individual staff members varies across the service.

In relation to the numbers and roles of each health staff person employed to deal with mental health issues in the Galway/Roscommon area the following are the staff census figures for June 2025 by staff category:

- Medical 95.3 WTE's
- Nursing 401.9 WTE's
- Health and Social Care Professionals 120.6 WTE's
- General Support Staff 34.6 WTE's
- Patient and Client Care 173.5 WTE's
- Management/Admin 94.9 WTE's

Health and Social Care Professionals groups refers to Social Workers, Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Dieticians and Speech and Language Therapists.

General support staff refers to catering, cleaning and maintenance staff.

Patient and Client Care refers to Health Care Assistants, Multi Task Attendants, OT assistants etc.

Psychiatrists play a crucial role in mental healthcare by diagnosing, treating, and preventing mental health disorders. They are medical doctors specializing in mental health and can prescribe medication, provide therapy, and manage other medical treatments for various conditions, from depression and anxiety to more severe illnesses like schizophrenia.

The role of Mental health nurses is to support individuals with mental health challenges, promoting recovery, and improving their overall well-being. They work in various settings, including hospitals, community services, and specialized units, to provide individualized care and support to patients and their families.

The role of Social Workers in mental health is providing support and resources to individuals and families navigating mental health challenges. They assess needs, develop care plans, and connect people with necessary services, while also advocating for their rights and promoting well-being.

The role of Psychologists in mental health is to assess, diagnose, and treat a wide range of psychological and emotional issues. They utilize various therapeutic approaches to help individuals understand and manage their thoughts, feelings, and behaviours, ultimately promoting well-being and resilience.

The role of Occupational therapists in mental health is to help individuals participate in meaningful activities and develop skills to improve their daily lives and overall well-being. They focus on how mental health conditions impact a person's ability to engage in self-care, work, and leisure activities. Through tailored interventions OTs support recovery, enhance social participation, and promote a balanced and satisfying routine.

Dietitians play a crucial role in mental health by addressing the impact of nutrition on mental well-being and supporting individuals with mental health conditions through dietary interventions. They help manage the nutrition-related aspects of mental illness, including side effects of medications, disordered eating patterns, and overall nutritional needs. Dietitians also work to improve catering and menu planning within mental health settings, ensuring healthy food options are available.

Healthcare assistants (HCAs) and Multi-Task Assistants (MTAs) play vital roles in supporting mental health care, often working alongside nurses and other professionals to provide comprehensive care and support to individuals experiencing mental health challenges. HCAs, in particular, contribute significantly to the well-being of individuals with mental health conditions by providing practical and emotional support, promoting independence, and fostering a sense of security. MTAs, while primarily focused on supporting other healthcare professionals, also contribute to a positive patient experience, which indirectly benefits mental well-being.

Management and admin staff support the clinical services in the administrative role and function within the services. Management Admin staff, in addition to supporting frontline clinicians are also involved in back office supports and functions which including payroll, accounts, superannuation, PPP etc.

A Cosgrove, Integrated Health Area Manager, Galway Roscommon

County	Facility	Programme	Sub-Programme	Project Name	Brief Description of Project	Stage Current (May 2023)	Stage By End 2025	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Donegal	Letterkenny University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	Renal Dialysis Expansion	Renal Dialysis expansion. Increasing Capacity from 14 to 21.	Detailed Design	Tender			0.05	0.05		0.10
Donegal	Letterkenny University Hospital	Acute	Diagnostic Imaging	Radiology Department Replacement (Flood Damage)	Replacement of Radiology Department Radiology damaged in 2013 flood. Includes additional Ultrasound & CT Room plus a Multipurpose Interventional Suite. Construction contract included upgrade/ refurb of underground duct. Part funded Friends of LGH	Complete 2020	Complete 2020	0.20	0.11	0.06	0.25		0.63
Donegal	Letterkenny University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	Extension to Lab (Microbiology, Virology and Immunology) - Covid 19 Testing	Extension to Laboratory (Microbiology, Virology and Immunology) to provide capacity for Additional Covid 19 Testing (additional equipment and staff already in place) and to bring the Lab up to current standards (not upgraded post flooding event).	Complete 2024	Complete 2024			0.04	1.48	0.47	1.98
Donegal	Letterkenny University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	New Aseptic Compounding Unit and Extension of Oncology Day Unit	New Aseptic Compounding unit. Extension and reconfiguration of the existing	Detailed Design	Tender				0.06	0.13	0.19
Mayo	Mayo University Hospital	Acute	Major Acute	Update Development Control Plan	Update Development Control Plan hospital campus and adjacent lands in conjunction with Mayo Co Co local area plan	Detailed Design	Detailed Design		0.00	0.04	0.01		0.06
Mayo	Mayo University Hospital	Acute	Health & Safety/Infection Control	HSSD Reconfig & Upgrade	HSSD Reconfiguration & Upgrade (including feasibility study). Equipment from ERP	Complete 2023	Complete 2023		0.09	0.41	1.71	0.02	2.24
Mayo	Mayo University Hospital	Acute	A&E	New Ground Floor Extension to ED & Reconfig of Existing ED. New MAU	New ground floor extension to ED & reconfiguration of existing ED (7 additional ED assessment & treatment spaces) New first floor MAU at first floor (10 spaces). Reconfiguration of C Ward to facilitate the new build be-in and provide additional isolation rooms.	Tender	Construction			0.23	0.50	1.37	2.10
Mayo	Mayo University Hospital	Acute	Major Acute	Replacement CT Scanner	Building works associated with the replacement of the existing CT Scanner. Proposed works include the construction of an extension to house the new CT Scanner. Equipment costs in ERP.	Complete 2023	Complete 2023				2.42	0.15	2.57
Galway	Merlin Park University Hospital	Acute	Major Acute	Day Surgery Unit - Proposed Surgical Hub	To develop a Surgical Hub facility for the West & North West area to include 2 Operating Theatres & 2 Minor Procedure Rooms including recovery / post anaesthetic unit and associated support services and staff facilities.	Construction	Construction				1.15	6.95	8.10
Galway	Merlin Park University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	Ground & First floor Outpatients Department	Ground and First floor Outpatients Department in Merlin Park University Hospital to accommodate the outpatient services which are decanting from University Hospital Galway.	Complete 2024	Complete 2024	0.10	0.35	0.50	3.50	9.60	14.05
Galway	Merlin Park University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	Replacement Orthopaedic Theatre Block	Replacement Orthopaedic Theatre Block	Complete 2022	Complete 2022	1.01	5.60	3.53	0.09	0.00	10.23
Galway	Merlin Park University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	New Building for Cystic Fibrosis Unit - Adult CF Outpatient Services and Five Day Service	Development of a Cystic Fibrosis Unit in Merlin Park University Hospital to accommodate an Adult Cystic Fibrosis Outpatient Services and five day service.	Complete 2024	Complete 2024					2.39	2.39
Galway	Portluncula University Hospital	Acute	Major Acute	New Replacement Ward Block	New replacement Ward Block (50 Beds) to provide replacement ward accommodation in line with current standards.	Complete 2024	Complete 2024	1.22	2.40	5.03	15.64	7.00	31.29
Galway	Portluncula University Hospital	Acute	Infrastructure Upgrade/Maintenance	New IT Room for the Hospital	Provision of a new IT Room for the Hospital.	Complete 2022	Complete 2022			0.39		0.04	0.42
Galway	Portluncula University Hospital	Acute	Diagnostic Imaging	Fluoroscopy Equipment - Associated Building Works	Building works associated with new Fluoroscopy equipment. Tendered with the enabling works for GP 1132 (2020)	Complete 2021	Complete 2021	0.73	0.21	0.10			1.04
Galway	Portluncula University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	Creation of Beds in the Existing OPD Dept	Project involves the creation of 8 No. single en-suite rooms & 2 No. two bedded en-suite rooms (12 beds total) in the existing OPD Dept. The existing OPD will be vacant in March 2021 following the installation of some prefabricated accommodation on-site. On Pandemic Plan - 08/10/2020	Complete 2023	Complete 2023		0.28	1.01	3.77	0.03	5.09
Galway	Portluncula University Hospital	Acute	Diagnostic Imaging	New CT Scanner Room and Associated Facilities	Construction of a new CT Scanner room and associated facilities in an existing undercroft area to allow the existing CT Scanner to be replaced. Cost of scanner from ERP.	Complete 2022	Complete 2022		0.28	2.69	0.03	0.03	3.02
Galway	Portluncula University Hospital	Acute	A&E	ED Extension	ED expansion to increase no. of bays by 9 (currently 14 treatment and 2 reus). This will provide capacity to deal with children in a segregated area of ED. Support facilities such as wc's shall also be provided.	Detailed Design	Detailed Design					0.22	0.22
Galway	Portluncula University Hospital	Acute	A&E	ED Converting to Outpatients	Winter 2020 - ED converting to Outpatients On Pandemic Plan - 08/10/2020	Complete 2021	Complete 2021	0.50	0.75	0.03		0.03	1.31
Roscommon	Roscommon University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	Rehabilitation Unit (Phase 1)	Provision of a Rehabilitation Unit - supported by the National Rehabilitation Hospital (Phase 1 - 10 Beds)	Detailed Design	Detailed Design	0.03					0.03
Roscommon	Roscommon University Hospital	Acute	Diagnostic Imaging	Replacement of CT Scanner	Refurbishment of Radiology dept to include construction, plant and infrastructure upgrades to facilitate the installation of a replacement CT scanner as part of the ERP.	Complete 2024	Complete 2024					1.20	1.20
Sligo	Sligo University Hospital	Acute	Health & Safety/Infection Control	CSSD Upgrade	Phased upgrade to existing CSSD.	Construction	Construction	0.03	0.02	0.06		1.18	1.29
Sligo	Sligo University Hospital	Acute	Diagnostic Imaging	New Intravenous Radiology Suite to Replace Current Fluoroscopy Room	The Provision of an Intravenous Radiology Suite. To replace the current fluoroscopy room with a full Intravenous Suite	Complete 2020	Complete 2020	1.25	0.09	0.00			1.34
Sligo	Sligo University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	New Diabetic Centre - Paediatric Insulin Pump Service	The Provision of a Diabetic Centre to facilitate the commencement of a paediatric Insulin pump service.	Complete 2020	Complete 2020	1.41	0.20	0.00			1.61
Sligo	Sligo University Hospital	Acute	Major Acute	Additional Bed Capacity and Ancillary Accommodation	In accordance with the Acute Inpatient Bed Capacity Expansion Plan, additional bed capacity consisting of single en-suite rooms with ancillary accommodation.	Tender	Construction	0.26	0.57	0.24	0.04	0.18	1.29

Sligo	Sligo University Hospital	Acute	Other Acute	New Macular Treatment Room & Refurbishment of Existing	Upgrade of existing Macular Treatment room and creation of a second room. Extra space to perform increased injection therapies and ophthalmic surgery	Detailed Design	Detailed Design				0.01	0.00	0.01
Sligo	Sligo University Hospital	Acute	Diagnostic Imaging	Installation of 2nd CT Scanner incl New Build and Extension of Nuclear Medicine	The Installation of a Second CT scanner, including a new build for the relocation of Nuclear Medicine (Phase 2), reconfiguration of existing Nuclear medicine with extension to take Second CT Scanner accompanying requirements.	Construction	Construction				0.05	0.34	0.39
Sligo	Sligo University Hospital	Acute	Major Acute	Additional Bed Capacity	Refurbishment (674sqm) of existing Rehabilitation ward accommodation at St. Johns Hospital to provide 26 additional acute Inpatient bed Accommodation, for lower complexity cases.	Complete 2024	Complete 2024				0.10	1.82	1.72
Sligo	Sligo University Hospital	Acute	Critical Care	Rooftop Extension to ICU - Additional Isolation Rooms	Provide a roof top extension to the ICU at Sligo University Hospital to provide 4no. additional Isolation rooms.	Complete 2022	Complete 2022	0.09	2.10	1.81	0.674		4.67
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Cancer Control	Radiation Oncology - Phase 2 Main Contract Works	Main contract works for the provision of Phase 2 facilities at UCH Galway.	Complete 2023	Complete 2023	1.36	17.41	22.01	12.65	2.44	55.87
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	A&E	New ED with Ward Block	New Emergency Department with Ward Block.	Under Review	Under Review	0.55	0.09	0.67	1.48	1.57	4.34
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	A&E	Interim ED to Facilitate Service Continuity	Interim ED to facilitate service continuity (TED)	Complete 2022	Complete 2022	1.04	5.08	6.53	1.18	0.09	13.92
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Other Acute	Blood Science Project - Replacement of Blood & Tissue Lab, Integrated Medical Services Lab	Blood Science Project - Replacement of Blood & Tissue Laboratory laboratory and provision for an Integrated Medical Services Laboratory. Enabling Works only.	Complete 2022	Complete 2022	0.06	0.07	0.37			0.49
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Major Acute	Replacement of 2 Cardiac Cathlabs and Enabling Works for a 3rd Cathlab (Phased)	Replacement of 2 cardiac cathlabs and enabling works for a 3rd cathlab. Phased development.	Complete 2020	Complete 2020	0.45		0.09			0.54
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Major Acute	Cardio Thoracic Ward (Phase 2)	Cardio Thoracic ward. Phase 2 - provision of a Cardiac Thoracic Ward (12 beds) On Pandemic Plan - 08/10/2020	Complete 2022	Complete 2022	0.00	1.87	2.86	0.70	0.01	5.44
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Diagnostic Imaging	Third Endoscopy Suite	Third Endoscopy suite	Complete 2025	Complete 2025			0.03	0.53	0.80	1.35
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Medical & Training	Research Hybrid Cardiac Cath Lab - CT Installation (Phase 1); Hybrid Cardiac Cath Lab (Phase 2)	Research Hybrid Cardiac Cath Lab - co-funded with SFI & NUJ Galway. Phase 1 - procurement & installation of a CT on GF of CRF building (complete). Phase 2 - Development of Hybrid Cardiac Cath Lab adjacent to existing two Cath Labs.	Detailed Design	Detailed Design		0.57	0.11	0.03		0.70
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Other Acute	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit - Relocation to a Leased Facility	Sexual Assault Treatment Unit. Relocation to a leased facility. Co-funded with TUSLA & Justice (HSE 51%, Tusla 41%, AGS 8%).	Complete 2021	Complete 2021		0.30	0.20	0.01	0.00	0.51
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Other Acute	Relocation of the Public Health Microbiology Laboratory (PHML) to New Building	Relocation of the Public Health Microbiology Laboratory (PHML) to a new building to increase capacity of the PHML and the Dept. of Medical Microbiology generally. Existing PHML space to be used for expanded COVID testing capacity - Interim solution.	Complete 2024	Complete 2024				0.09	1.97	2.06
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Other Acute	New Medical Laboratory Building for All Existing Lab Services	New Medical Laboratory building to house all existing laboratory services in one as a replacement to existing prefab accommodation.	Design Feasibility	Detailed Design			0.04	0.02	0.00	0.07
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	Major Acute	Interim Containment Level 3 Laboratory	Refurbish an existing room within the laboratory to relocate the existing Containment Level 3 (CL3) laboratory to allow the existing containment cabinets to be replaced.	Complete 2025	Complete 2025					0.92	0.92
Galway	University Hospital Galway	Acute	A&E	Temporary ED Reconfig & Extension - Expand the ED into the Adjacent OPD	Winter 2020 - Temporary ED Reconfiguration & Extension: The expansion of the existing ED into the adjacent OPD to allow Green and Red areas to be created for separation of COVID flow of patients - Waiting Areas. Minor injuries assessment and Paediatrics.	Complete 2021	Complete 2021	1.50	0.26				1.76