

**Minutes of Regional Health Forum West held on Tuesday,  
22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015 at 2.00pm in Room 1, Education Centre,  
HSE Offices, Merlin Park, Galway**

Miontuairiscí Cruinnithe Chinn Bhliana an Fhóraitm Réigiúnach Sláinte, a tionóladh ar an Mháirt 22, Méan  
Fómhar, 2015 ag 2.00 .i.n, i Seomra 1 an tIonad Oideachais,  
Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Páirc Mheirlinne, Gaillimh

**Chairperson:** Cllr Tom McNamara

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Members Present (continued)</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Cllr Finola Armstrong-McGuire	Cllr Michael Hourigan	Cllr Gino O'Boyle
Cllr Tim Broderick	Cllr Michael Kilcoyne	Cllr Maria Byrne
Cllr Pat Burke	Cllr. Paddy Kilduff	Cllr. P.J. Ryan
Cllr Ciaran Brogan	Cllr Donagh Killilea	Cllr Ger Darcy
Cllr John Carroll	Cllr Michael McBride	
Cllr Lisa Chambers	Cllr Malachy McCreesh	
Cllr Michael Collins	Cllr Bernard McGuinness	<b>Absent</b>
Cllr Catherine Connolly	Cllr Gerry McMonagle	Cllr Pádraig Conneely
Cllr Michael Creaton	Cllr Ann Norton	Cllr Tom Connolly
Cllr Aidan Donohue	Cllr Brendan Mulroy	Cllr Gerry Crawford
Cllr David Doran	Cllr Terry O'Flaherty	Cllr Francis Foley
Cllr Caillian Ellis	Cllr Jerome Scanlan	Cllr Rosaleen O'Grady
Cllr Michael Finnerty	Cllr Eamon Scanlon	
Cllr Felim Gurn	Cllr Brigid Teefy	
Cllr Mary Hoade	Cllr Tony Ward	

**In attendance:**

Maurice Power, Chief Executive Officer, Saolta University Health Care Group  
Collete Cowan, Chief Executive Officer, UL Hospital Group  
Tony Canavan, Chief Officer, Area 2  
John Pollock, Project Director, National Paediatric Hospital Development Board  
Suzanne Dempsey, Chief Director of Nursing, Children's Hospital Group  
Marian Cavanagh, Regional Health Forum Office  
Norah Owens, Regional Health Forum Office

**Vote of Sympathy:**

Cllr. Eamon Scanlan proposed the meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect for the late Cllr. Seamus O'Boyle, sitting member who passed away during the Summer and passed a vote of sympathy to his wife Mairéad and his four children. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Tony Ward.

Following the adjournment, the members praised the work done by the councilor.  
Cllr. Scanlan informed the meeting that he will be replaced on the Regional Health Forum committee by his son Gino.

### **Get Well Wishes:**

Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty proposed to extend get well wished to Cllr. Padraig Conneely on his recent illness and wished him a speedy recovery. This was agreed by all members present.

### **Presentation on the new Children's Hospital Project:**

Suzanne Dempsey, Chief Director of Nursing, Children's Hospital Group and John Pollock, Project Director, National Paediatric Hospital Development Board gave a very comprehensive presentation on the proposed new Children's hospital on St James Hospital Campus. This new hospital will consist of the amalgamation of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Temple Street Children's Hospital & the National Children's Hospital in Tallaght.

Planning was lodged for all elements of the project on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. It is envisaged that the approx cost will be €650m, and the transition of services to the new children's hospital will commence at the end of 2019.

The Chairman thanked the presenters for their time and the vision shown in their delivery as they combined their presentations and expressed how they are "working together for our children".

### **532/59/15 Minutes of previous meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 were proposed by Cllr John Carroll, seconded by Cllr. Lisa Chambers and adopted.

### **533/59/15 Matters Arising:**

**SATU:** Cllr C Connolly requested an update on the progress of the permanent premises for the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit.

Action: T Canavan/A Cosgrove to revert to Cllr. C Connolly.

**Addiction Counselling Building:** Cllr. C Connolly is seeking an update on the status of this building, will it be replace in Merlin Park and if not where will it be located.

Action: T Canavan to revert to Cllr C Connolly with an update.

**Fairdeal Motion:** Cllr T Ward asked for any update in relation to the motion proposed at the June meeting.

Action: RHF Office to re-send a copy of the response to Cllr Ward previously circulated to Members on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

### **534/59/15 Chairman's Address:**

**Vote of Sympathy:** A vote of sympathy was passed to Paudie O'Riordan, Chief Ambulance Officer on the death of his mother.

### **Dedicated Telephone Line & Email Address:**

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed by the Councillors to write to John Hennessy, National Director Primary Care and thank him for organising the dedicated telephone line and e-

mail address for Forum members across the country and to invite him to a future meeting of the Regional Health Forum West to give an update on the Medical Card system.

### **Chief Office, Area 2**

The Chairman congratulated Tony Canavan on his new post as Chief Officer, Area 2. Members in turn concurred with these wishes and thanked him for his help during his time as Chief Operating Officer with Saolta University Health Care Group. Mr. Canavan thanked the members for their support and said he will continue to work together with the hospital group to better the healthcare in the West.

### **535/59/15 Questions:**

#### **W59Q1670– Penalties imposed on the providers of the vehicles used by the Ambulance Service:**

Action: P O’Riordan to revert to Cllr M McCreesh and clarify what penalties are in place for the providers of the vehicles used by the Ambulance with regard to mechanical reliability?

#### **W59Q1671– Analysis of Dust Samples – Irish Cement Site - Limerick**

Action: Dr K Kelleher to revert to Cllr M McCreesh with the report on the analysis of dust the HSE received from the EPA.

#### **W59Q1682– St. Patrick Hospital, Carrick on Shannon**

Action: J Hayes to give further detail to Cllr. F Armstrong McGuire on the timeframe of the refurbishment of St Patrick’s and if this will have an impact on the beds.

#### **W59Q1684– Community Nursing Unit - Ballinamore**

Action: J Hayes to reply directly to Cllr. F Armstrong McGuire and confirm when the additional staff for Ballinamore CNU was advertised.

***Standing Orders were extended at this stage of the meeting by 30 minutes to 5.00 o’clock.***

#### **W59Q1688 – Recruitment of Permanent Nurses**

Action: F Rogers to revert to Cllr. M Kilcoyne and confirm if the temporary nurses were willing to take the new permanent posts, will they be offered them?

#### **W59Q1697 – Outstanding Health Insurance**

Action: CEO Saolta & CEO UL to revert with an action plan as to how they propose to collect these outstanding monies which will help to provide much needed services across the West.

### **536/59/15 – Motions**

#### **W59M46 – Unit 5 & 6 Merlin Park**

This motion was proposed by Cllr T O’Flaherty, seconded by Cllr. C Connolly and adopted.

Action: T Canavan agreed to visit these units personally and revert to Cllr Terry O’Flaherty.

#### **W59M49 & W59M52– Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon**

***The wording was amended to read “funding in 2015”***

These motions were proposed by Cllr T Ward, seconded by Cllr. P Kilduff and adopted.

**W59M53 – Dept of Psychiatry – University College Hospital Galway**

This motion was proposed by Cllr C Connolly, seconded by Cllr. A Norton and adopted.

Action: This motion will be referred to Minister Kathleen Lynch.

**537/59/15 Date & time of Next Meeting:**

The next **Regional Health Forum Committee** meeting will take place on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at 2pm in Galway.

The next **Regional Health Forum meeting** is now scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 2pm in Galway.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed:

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Cathaoirleach/Chairman

*Adopted at the Regional Health Forum West meeting*

# QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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NUMBER	QUESTION	RAISED BY
<b>W60Q1703</b>	Does the HSE provide free parking in our hospitals for cancer patients who are attending regularly for chemotherapy treatment etc and if not does the HSE intend to address this issue?	<b>Cllr D Doran</b>

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GUH	Do not provide free parking . GUH have a bus service from North West and we also have the Drive to Care scheme in operation.
MUH	Mayo University Hospital currently do not offer free parking for cancer patients who are attending regularly for chemotherapy treatment.
SUH	There is no free parking in Sligo for Oncology patients.
LUH	LUH does provide free parking to cancer patients but they must make themselves known at the Euro Car Park Customer Service kiosk before they attend for treatment.
PUH	Do provide car park tokens for oncology patients who are undergoing treatment in the oncology unit - they have free car parking.
RUH	Roscommon Hospital provides free parking to all attending the hospital.  RH does not provide a chemotherapy service.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

The Mid-Western Cancer Centre in University Hospital, Limerick does provide free parking for our patients, we have our own parking outside the Cancer Centre. When our patients come to the University Hospital, they proceed to the barrier at the entrance to the staff car park and they advise security that they have an appointment in the Cancer Centre and they proceed to the Centre.

***C Cowan, CEO UL Hospital Group***

<b>W60Q1704</b>	Can I have the rationale behind the policy of Privatisation of Laundry services at St Josephs Community Hospital, Stranorlar, the name of the company who have the contract, and if staff at St Josephs have been consulted for feedback on the effectiveness of this outsourcing?	<b>Cllr G McMonagle</b>
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A decision was taken to contract laundry services in St. Joseph's Hospital to maximise the employment of staff in the provision of direct patient care. The HSE entered into a contract with Duds and Suds Company and it is estimated between 2013 and 2015 (year end) a saving of €42,500 will have been achieved. Management at St. Joseph's Hospital continue to review the quality of the service in line with staff feedback.

***J Hayes, Chief Officer, Area 1***

<b>W60Q1705</b>	Has the Saolta Group any immediate plans to Recruit/Appoint a full additional Endocrinologist Team at Letterkenny General Hospital to ensure that adequate and prompt care is given to Diabetic Patients at Letterkenny General Hospital?	<b>Cllr G McMonagle</b>
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There is one Consultant Endocrinologist employed at LUH to look after diabetic patients – he took up post in January 2012. In recognition of increased demands LUH did recruit a long term locum in General Medicine with a Special Interest in Diabetic Care in April 2015. He has increased the capacity of the diabetic service to patients who require specialist care. Both Consultants are supported by two Clinical Nurse Specialists in Diabetic Care and all patients are supported on a shared care basis between Consultant and GP.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1706</b>	Can we have an explanation as to the further delay in starting the new Radiology Department at Letterkenny General Hospital and when can we expect work to begin on this much needed project?	<b>Cllr G McMonagle</b>
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Planning permission has been received recently. Work is currently underway on applying for Fire and Disability accessibility certification. Work is also underway on preparing the final document for tender. Once the additional documentation is reviewed by National Capital Programme and approved, it will go to tender to identify a preferred bidder. We expect to go to tender in early Spring 2016 as planned. Duration of contract is expected to be 12 months.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1707</b>	Can Saolta outline their strategy to attract Consultants, Doctors and Nurses to work at Letterkenny General Hospital to enable them to deliver a first class health service for the people of Donegal?	<b>Cllr G McMonagle</b>
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Over the past number of months, Letterkenny University Hospital have been in the process of recruiting NCHDs to fill posts for the January 2016 intake of NCHDs. One element of this process is the advertisement of expected vacant positions, and we have and continue to address this by placing advertisements in the British Journal of Medicine (on-line version and paper version), Irish Medical Times and Irish Independent. Advertisements have also been placed on the Saolta website and National Recruitment Website.

We have also been in contact with our existing NCHD group and past NCHDs cohort to inform them of upcoming vacancies. This is an excellent way of advertisement and promotion of Letterkenny University Hospital.

In addition where we have not been able to attract candidates using the method's above, we have been in contact with recruitment agencies who we work closely with to attract NCHDs for the January intake.

For any upcoming consultant vacancies again, we have used all of the methods above, with the addition of advertising in specific medical journals to attract specialty consultant grades.



A lot of work in the past few months has also been undertaken to promote Letterkenny University Hospital as an excellent place to work and includes a site specific brochure about working in Letterkenny University Hospital. This brochure provides candidates with practical information regarding moving to and living in Donegal with practical information about schools, accommodation, shopping, lifestyle etc. We have also referred prospective candidates to the excellent "Donegal Prospectus" completed by our partners in Donegal County Council.

We have been working closely with the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland in order to increase the number of Basic Specialist Trainees in Medicine training at Letterkenny University Hospital. As a result of this partnership we have secured additional training posts for SHOs in Medicine in co-operation with the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital.

In relation to Nursing, all nursing graduates are offered contracts on an annual basis and this allows us to fill the vacancies. In addition to that there are panels of nurses for all grades from which we recruit into any other vacancies. There is an excellent continuing education programme for nurses and midwives at LUH and we also support our nurses to engage in post graduate education programmes.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

**W60Q1708**

How many employees of HSE West area have recorded stress related leave in the last 3 years i.e. 2013 2014 and 2015 to date.

**Cllr G Crawford**

The HSE recognises that employees are the most important asset in the delivery of high quality health and social services and at its core are the values "care, compassion, trust and learning". The Corporate Safety Statement reaffirms the HSE's commitment to placing people at the centre of the organisation. In line with this commitment, the HSE considers that the management of safety, health and welfare is of fundamental importance, as the quality of service is intrinsically linked to the provision of safe working environment and the operation of safe systems at work.

The Safety Health & Welfare at Work Act 2015 states that the HSE has a duty of care and must do what is reasonably practical to provide a safe working environment for all its employees. The HSE recognises that harmful workplace stress is an occupational safety, health & welfare issue. Management should ensure that risks are minimised as far as reasonably possible.

At this point in time there is not a comprehensive database which records stress related sick leave.

However, this is an issue which occurs and receives attention as part of the process of employment absence management.

I wish to draw attention to recent initiatives to address this issue;

- Prevention and Management of Stress in the Workplace.  
A Guide for Managers
- The European Safety Week October, 19-23 2015, centred around the topic of –  
"Healthy Workplaces Manage Stress"

The purpose of the Policy for Preventing and Managing Critical Incident Stress is to give guidance to the HSE, our managers and employees on how to identify and manage stress in the workplace, with a focus on risk assessment and hazard identification.

The HSE aim for the European Safety Week was to use the week as a platform to launch a meaningful, effective on-going campaign that will allow managers and employees gain knowledge, experience and support to assist their colleagues deal with the important issue of unhealthy stress. The professionals working in Health & Safety, Occupational Health, Employee Assistance, Organisational Psychology, Performance & Development, Health Promotion and Human Resources have been working together to provide the information and tools that will enable the effective support and management of colleagues suffering with this condition.

**F Rogers, A/National Director, HR**

<b>W60Q1709</b>	<p>Figures provided to me last Sept in relation to private Ambulance runs related to Letterkenny General Hospital paid for by HSE were as follows:</p> <p>04 06 13 to 31 12 13 -284  Jan 14 to Dec 14 -1050  Jan 15 to Dec 15 -893</p> <p>Could I have a breakdown of these figures so as to show the reason for such a significant rise in the use of private ambulances in the Health care system in Donegal?</p>	<b>Clr G Crawford</b>
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We are unable to give a detailed breakdown of the figures provided. However, in general the increased use of private ambulances reflects the fact that Acute Hospitals including Letterkenny University Hospital have been getting progressively busier in recent years. While the National Ambulance Services has introduced a dedicated Intermediate Care service with 10 staff in December 2012 operating from Letterkenny General Hospital, NAS are concentrating their frontline resources to emergency calls. Private Ambulances are utilised for routine planned journeys only. The use of private ambulances is intended to speed up the process of in-patient discharge from hospital to suitable community services.

We are currently looking at where efficiencies can be achieved.

**M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group**

<b>W60Q1710</b>	<p>ICV's and crews were introduced by N.A.S in 2012. Has the number of ICV personnel remained the same at Letterkenny since then and what arrangements are in place to cover annual leave / sick leave to ensure no crew member Starts and completes a shift with no Other member to crew up with</p>	<b>Clr G Crawford</b>
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In December 2012 a total of 10 Intermediate Care staff were assigned to Letterkenny Ambulance Base. Daily hours of manpower is based on Minimum/ Maximum rostering, in this case minimum of 2 crews and maximum of 3. Relief is built into the roster Annual Leave and sick leave are covered from within the roster. At present there are 9 staff as one member is now on a paramedic course in National ambulance Training College. The National ambulance Service is going through a recruitment process to bring in additional Intermediate Care Staff into the

service. It can happen that on occasions due to short notice there is one staff member on their own this person can operate with an existing crew as a 3<sup>rd</sup> person.

***P O'Riordan, Area Operations Manager, West National Ambulance Service***

<b>W60Q1711</b>	Is there an intention to change the name of Letterkenny General Hospital?	<b>Cllr G Crawford</b>
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The Saolta University Health Care Group has decided to include University in the formal name of each of the hospitals in the Saolta Group. This recognises the key role of the Group's academic partner NUI Galway in education, research and training across each hospital in the Saolta Group and is a further step in the implementation of the Saolta identity across the Group's constituent hospitals.

The Saolta Group's close collaboration with NUI Galway is a critical part of its role as major teaching Hospital Group both from a training perspective for all students but equally because of the many key research partnerships we undertake in collaboration with NUI Galway, including- for example- the recent opening of the Lambe Institute for Translational Research and the HRB Clinical Research facility on the UHG campus.

The Group structure allows students and staff in training the opportunity to work across all hospitals in the Group and gain important clinical experience in the different types of service each of the hospitals provide. NUI Galway is currently developing medical academies on hospital sites in Sligo, Mayo and Letterkenny. These developments mark a significant major investment by the University into clinical training on these sites.

The inclusion of University in the hospitals' titles underpins the importance each hospital plays in the provision of training to future medical and nursing and other staff and the provision of first class health services to the people of the West and North West.

As with all aspects of the implementation of this project, the most cost-effective ways of facilitating this inclusion in the hospitals' names will be used.

The Saolta University Health Care Group is comprised of;

- \* Galway University Hospitals (University Hospital Galway and Merlin Park University Hospital Galway)
- \* Letterkenny University Hospital
- \* Mayo University Hospital
- \* Portiuncula University Hospital
- \* Roscommon University Hospital
- \* Sligo University Hospital

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1712</b>	How many FOI requests were received this year by Mayo General Hospital for patient records (breakdown per month)? Of those requests received how many were acknowledged within two weeks and how many were responded to within four weeks	<b>Cllr L Chambers</b>
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	(breakdown per month)? Can the HSE executive explain why the phone in the freedom of information office in Mayo General Hospital is not being manned and why there is a backlog in dealing with requests? What measures are the HSE taking to deal with the backlog? How many staff members are dealing with FOI requests?	
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Please find hereunder details of the FOI Requests and response rates year to-date

<b>2015</b>	<b>New FOI Requests</b>	<b>Number acknowledged within 2 weeks</b>	<b>Number responded to within 4 weeks</b>
January	16	16	4
February	24	24	4
March	43	43	5
April	17	17	3
May	10	10	2
June	38	38	7
July	17	17	2
August	21	21	1
September	15	15	2
October	3	3	0
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>204 (100%)</b>	<b>30 (15%)</b>

Mayo University Hospital can confirm that a total number of 204 FOI requests were received year to date 2015.

Due to unforeseen staff leave in the FOI Office at Mayo University Hospital throughout 2015, it was not possible to process all requests in accordance with standard timelines.

Traditionally this office was staffed by 1 WTE Assistant Staff Officer and since July 2015 an additional 1 WTE has been assigned to this office on a full time basis (1 Clerical Officer)

Due to limited resources, the FOI Office is not currently staffed on a full time basis. However, a recorded message is in place and all queries are followed up as required.

Over the past 3 months, MUH has had a contingency plan in place to assist with the progressing of all FOI Requests. Substantial progress is being made and since 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015, there are two WTE's dealing with FOI requests.

In addition a Consumer Services Officer post for MUH has recently been advertised. This post holder will be responsible for coordination of FOI Office duties in accordance with local, regional and national requirements.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1713</b>	Can the HSE executive provide an update on Áras Attracta and the on-going investigation? Is there any threat to future services at the facility?	<b>Cllr L Chambers</b>
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Following the completion of the Garda investigation in March 2015 the HSE investigation was able to recommence its work and has progressed with a thorough investigation since that time which has involved the team reviewing over 290 hours of video tape.

The HSE investigation proceeded to interview stage in September 2015. Further interview dates are scheduled and it is intended to complete the investigation at the earliest possible date subject to full compliance with legal requirements and fair procedure etc.

We are currently completing an Assessment of Need for each of the current residents at Áras Attracta. This process commenced earlier this year and will be completed by the end of 2015. Future service provision will be based on these assessments in consultation with clients and their families. We expect that a number of clients will choose to live in houses in the community and will therefore not continue to reside at Áras Attracta. Our aim will be to facilitate and support the residents of Áras Attracta to live ordinary lives, in ordinary settings, doing ordinary things. Inevitably this will mean that the nature of the services provided at Áras Attracta will change as we move towards a more community based approach. For individual residents however, our priority will be the provision of the best care and services that we can provide.

***T Canavan, Chief Officer, Area 2***

<b>W60Q1714</b>	Can the HSE executive explain the high numbers of patients on trolleys at Mayo General Hospital last month (October) with a 140% increase on the same period last year. Last October we had 156 patients on trolleys compared to 65 in October 2014. Is there an acknowledgement by the HSE that this is now a crisis situation with no sign of improving? What measures are being taken to address very serious issue, particularly as winter approaches.	<b>Cllr L Chambers</b>
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The following table outlines the increase in ED Presentations and Medical Inpatient Admissions to MUH between 2014 and 2015

<b>ED Presentations</b>	<b>October 2014</b>	<b>October 2015</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
	2807	3100	10.4%
<b>Medical Inpatient Admissions</b>	<b>October 2014</b>	<b>October 2015</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
	568	603	6.1%

The Emergency Department attendance rate at Mayo University Hospital (MUH) has been consistently higher for the past three months compared with that of 2014. This trend is continuing into November 2015. The reason for trolleys is we do not have enough bed capacity to meet the demand for acute medical patients because of a sustained growth in emergency presentations and admissions. The reason for this growth is multifaceted. Mayo has rapidly

increasing ageing population and an increase in elderly frail patients. Over the past few months we had an increase in patients with respiratory problem in patients with underlying chronic health problems. We also have a high rate of cardiac related problems. There are also a number of delayed discharges awaiting placement in the community.

There are a number of actions being taken to address this issue such as

- MUH are proactively planning in order to minimise the number of patients having to wait for admission to the hospital. We are recruiting specialist teams to prevent admissions and reduce length of stay in Hospital, particularly targeting those with longer term, more chronic illnesses. We are also putting in place an elderly frail team to help older patients to have earlier supported discharges.
- We are working very closely with our colleagues in the Community to reduce the number of delayed discharges and maximise the use of these step down beds. 10 beds have reopened in Ballina District Hospital and recruitment is underway to open a further 6 beds to open in the Sacred Heart Hospital Rehabilitation Unit. We formally meet with Community Services weekly.
- We are utilising transitional care beds in Nursing Homes when appropriate.
- We are currently upgrading and expanding our Emergency Department to meet current demand. Further expansion is necessary.
- We are extending our Radiology Services to 8pm on weekdays and also providing weekend sessions in order to reduce the wait times for diagnostic services. We plan to expand Cardiac Service also in order to reduce wait times for cardiac tests and facilitate quicker discharges

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1715</b>	Can the HSE executive provide an update on the recruitment of the rheumatology consultant to Manorhamilton, Leitrim and an update on when services will then be provided to Mayo General. I am seeking details as to what level of service will be provided in terms of consultant hours, number of patients expected to be seen.	<b>Cllr L Chambers</b>
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Interviews for this post were held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015. A candidate was selected following interview and is currently being appointed through the Public Appointment Service. The Consultant who will rotate to Mayo University Hospital will provide an 11 hour service per week. The details in terms of number of patients expected to be seen will be finalised in due course.

This additional appointment will further serve to enhance the provision of care to patients with rheumatic disease, improve service integration, and provide further educational opportunities across the hospital group.

The additional consultant will have a significant impact on the waiting list across the region and will also improve quality of care for rheumatology patients who currently have to travel long distances for appointments.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1716</b>	What is the time frame is in place for the opening of the new Endoscopy unit in Roscommon Hospital and are the additional staff needed been recruited	<b>Cllr M Creaton</b>
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Recruitment of staff to open the new Endoscopy Unit at Roscommon University Hospital in quarter one of 2016 has commenced.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1717</b>	Has any progress been made on staffing the ambulance base in Loughglynn.	<b>Cllr M Creaton</b>
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Management have had to refer the opening of the ambulance base in Loughglynn to the Workplace Relations Commission. It had been hoped that this could have been addressed through a consultative process and it is expected that a date will be given in the near future.

***P O'Riordan, Area Operations Manager, West National Ambulance Service***

<b>W60Q1718</b>	When do you expect a decision on funding for the Sacred Heart Hospital Roscommon?	<b>Cllr M Creaton</b>
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No capital funding has been provided to date for this project and there is no indication at this point as to when a decision will be made.

***T Canavan, Chief Officer, Area 2***

<b>W60Q1719</b>	Can the HSE confirm that day services will continue 5 days a week in mc bride home in Westport Co Mayo.	<b>Cllr B Mulroy</b>
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The Day Service at McBride Community Nursing Unit, Westport will continue as is on a 3 days per week basis.

***T Canavan, Chief Officer, Area 2***

<b>W60Q1720</b>	Can the HSE roll out a blood screening test for Haemochromatosis on all people in Ireland when they reach 18. This will save life's and medical costs in the future.	<b>Cllr B Mulroy</b>
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Response not available at time of printing.

<b>W60Q1721</b>	With regard to the UL University Maternity Hospital can you please provide:  1. The ratio of midwives to patients broken down by month over the last year. 2. The ratio of staff to patients during night shift broken down by month over last year. 3. Current staffing level in the emergency unit compared to the staffing numbers in this unit over	<b>Cllr M McCreesh</b>
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	the last 5 years and a break down for each year.	
<p><b>1. The ratio of midwives to patients broken down by month over the last year.</b></p> <p>The birth-rate over the last year was 4681 births. The funded WTE for the direct provision of midwifery care to women was 112 WTE. UMHL is participating in the National Birthrate Plus Workforce Planning which was set up by the Minister of Health –outcome of which is awaited.</p> <p>This is the only evidence based workforce planning for maternity services and will inform staffing requirements based on the complexity and dependency of care provided.</p> <p><b>2. The ratio of staff to patients during night shift broken down by month over last year.</b></p> <p>There are 2 postnatal wards each with 27 beds. There are 3 staff on duty. The ratio of staff to patients is 1 staff to 9 patients. The antenatal ward has 29 beds which gives a ratio of 1:9.6.</p> <p>Labour ward have 7 rooms and there are 5 midwives on duty plus 3 theatre staff. UMHL aims to achieve a standard of 1:1 care for women in established labour on the labour ward. On Saturday and Sunday night the staffing in the labour ward is 4 midwives and 3 theatre staff.</p> <p>The Maternity Emergency Unit has 2 midwives on duty at night assisted by the Assistant Director of Midwifery when required. Activity may vary across the hospital and a system of staff deployment occurs which allows staff deployment from the quieter areas to the areas of greatest need when required.</p> <p><b>3. Current staffing level in the emergency unit compared to the staffing numbers in this unit over the last 5 years and a break down for each year.</b></p> <p>2015: staffing level consists of 3 midwives -7.45hrs to 16.30hrs. 2 midwives 16.30hrs to 08.00hrs.</p> <p>2014: staffing level consists of 3 midwives -7.45hrs to 16.30hrs. 2 midwives 16.30hrs to 08.00hrs.</p> <p>2013: staffing levels consists of 2 midwives 7.45-13.00hrs. 3 midwives 13.00hrs to 16.30hrs. 2 midwives 16.30hrs to 08.00hrs.</p> <p>2012: staffing levels consists of 2 midwives 7.45-13.00hrs. 3 midwives 13.00hrs to 16.30hrs. 2 midwives 16.30hrs to 08.00hrs.</p> <p>2011: staffing levels consists of 2 midwives 7.45-13.00hrs. 3 midwives 13.00hrs to 16.30hrs. 2 midwives 16.30hrs to 08.00hrs.</p> <p>Emergency Pregnancy Admissions Unit is staffed by a midwife from 13.45hrs to 17.30hrs. Phlebotomy cover is currently provided on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon.</p> <p><b><i>C Cowan, CEO UL Hospital Group</i></b></p>		



<b>W60Q1722</b>	Can the HSE provide details of the number of ambulances dispatched to emergency situations in the HSE West region that were unable to complete the assignment due to failure of the vehicles and thus resulted in the need for another ambulance to be provided? Can the figures be provided for each Hospital Group in the HSE West region with a breakdown per month over last 2 years? Can the provider of the ambulances be identified as private supplier or from the National Ambulance Service?	<b>Cllr M McCreesh</b>
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All emergency ambulance vehicles are regularly serviced and repaired in approved garages in line with manufacturer's recommendations. Pre-shift checks are carried out by all ambulance crews and defects are reported immediately and every effort is made to get the vehicle repaired and back on the road as soon as possible.

The National Ambulance Service do not utilise the services of Private Ambulance Companies.

**Report end Sept to 18/11/2015**

Month	Limerick	UCHG	Letterkenny	Portiuncula	MGH	Sligo
Oct-14	4					
Nov-14	2					
Dec-14	1					
Jan-15	0	1	1			
Feb-15	0		1			
Mar-15	0					
Apr-15	0					
May-15	0	1			1	1
Jun-15	2					
Jul-15	1					
Aug-15	0		1		3	
Sep-15	0					
Oct-15	2		1			
Nov-15	0	1				

***P O'Riordan, Area Operations Manager, West National Ambulance Service***

<b>W60Q1723</b>	What are the plans for Aras Attracta, Swinford and does the HSE intend closing Aras Attracta and what is the timescale?	<b>Cllr M Kilcoyne</b>
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The HSE is currently completing an Assessment of Need for each of the current residents at Áras Attracta. This process commenced earlier this year and will be completed by the end of 2015. Future service provision will be based on these assessments in consultation with clients and their families.

We expect that a number of clients will choose to live in houses in the community and will therefore not continue to reside at Áras Attracta. Our aim will be to facilitate and support residents of Áras Attracta to live ordinary lives, in ordinary settings, doing ordinary things.

Inevitably this will mean that the nature of the services provided at Áras Attracta will change as we move towards a more community based approach. For individual residents however, our priority will be the provision of the best care and services that we can provide. The HSE is happy to reassure our clients and their families that our focus will be on the provision of the kinds of supports that allow them to live fulfilled lives in the community.

While the nature of the services being provided at Áras Attracta is likely to change significantly over the coming years, there is no intention to close the facility itself. Our priority for the moment is to complete the Assessment of Needs as outlined above. This will give us a clear picture of the requirements of each individual client and will therefore help us to understand the impact on Áras Attracta more clearly.

***T Canavan, Chief Officer, Area 2***

<b>W60Q1724</b>	How many people are currently on the waiting list for outpatient appointments at Mayo General Hospital and for long and how many have seen a consultant and are waiting for the procedure to be carried out and how long have they been waiting. Please give figures at end of October 2013, October 2014 and October 2015?	<b>Cllr M Kilcoyne</b>
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Please find hereunder numbers of patients waiting for outpatients appointments and for procedures as at October 2013, October 2014 and October 2015.

**Patients Waiting for Procedure**

	< 1 Year	>1 Year	Total
<b>2013</b>	971	3	974
<b>2014</b>	1006	1	1007
<b>2015</b>	868	0	868

**Patients Waiting for Outpatients Appointments**

	< 1 Year	>1 Year	>2 Years	Total
<b>2013</b>	4203	1587	1070	6860
<b>2014</b>	3653	849	68	4570
<b>2015</b>	3243	1243	33	4519

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1725</b>	Is the 14 bed ward ready for occupation in Sligo General Hospital?	<b>Cllr F Armstrong McGuire</b>
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Currently infrastructure upgrading, equipment purchase and recruitment is underway to ensure that the hospital is in a position to open 14 additional beds by year end.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1726</b>	What exactly are the terms of contract being offered to nurses being recruited? Probation if any and for what period? Are the posts being offered temporary or permanent? Are the posts pensionable? What numbers have applied?	<b>Cllr F Armstrong McGuire</b>
<p><b>Staff Nurse – Terms of Contract of Employment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Standard HSE Terms and Conditions, including DOHC approved Staff Nurse salary scale, is applied to all contracts issued to Staff Nurses in the HSE.</li> <li>• All recruits are subject to one year's probation/performance management if they have not already served for one year previously in the public service.</li> <li>• If a permanent vacancy exists, a permanent contract is offered, and if a temporary vacancy exists (i.e. replacement for maternity leave, illness leave, etc.), a temporary contract is offered.</li> <li>• All posts are pensionable and employees are obliged to contribute to the relevant pension scheme.</li> </ul> <p><b>Staff Nurse Competition Data</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The recent National Staff Nurse Campaign (included all Service Areas) had 3,700 applicants.</li> <li>• The UK Initiative has had 400 applicants to-date</li> </ul> <p><b>F Rogers, A/National Director, HR</b></p>		
<b>W60Q1727</b>	How many car-parking spaces are currently available at UHG, and what will be the net impact on the number of spaces available following the construction of a new multi storey car park that is currently underway	<b>Cllr P Conneely</b>
<p>There are currently 302 'pay and display' car parking spaces for the general public at UHG. There are also 312 undesignated / unmarked car parking spaces on the site which can be accessed by the public or staff.</p> <p>It is expected that the new two-deck car park at UHG will open in December 2015. This is a replacement for the staff car park, which is being removed in order to facilitate the construction of the new Adult Acute Mental Health Unit. At the same time as the new two-deck car park opens, the hospital will be converting two car parks currently used by staff, to paid public parking areas. This will result in seventy (70) additional parking spaces for public use. The two car parks to be converted to public use are the car park outside Maternity and the Paediatric Department.'</p> <p><b>M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group</b></p>		
<b>W60Q1728</b>	How many faults relating to the CCTV system at UHG have been reported since 1 January 2014, and how much money has been spent on repair or upgrade of this system during the same period.	<b>Cllr P Conneely</b>
<p>There is an annual service / maintenance contract in place in relation to the CCTV system in UHG, which identifies faults and repairs required. During the period 01/01/14 to date, there have been</p>		

5 instances of repairs being carried out to cameras on the system. The total cost of these repairs was €12,902.68.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1729</b>	Have interviews taken place and has an appointment been made in respect of a GP position in Moycullen, and if an update can be provided in this regard.	<b>CLlr P Conneely</b>
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Interviews for this position have taken place. The successful applicant is currently being processed for appointment. This includes references, Garda Vetting and Occupational Health assessment. We anticipate that once this process is successfully completed, the appointment will be made by the end of the year.

***T Canavan, Chief Officer, Area 2***

<b>W60Q1730</b>	Has the Saolta Group entered into a lease agreement in respect of the Imaging Centre at Merlin Park Hospital, what is the name of the party awarded the lease, and what are the terms of this lease?	<b>CLlr P Conneely</b>
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There is a lease arrangement in place with Alliance Medical Group. In respect of the Imaging Centre at Merlin Park University Hospital, the term of the lease is 9 years 11 months with effect from 15th May 2013.

In January 2015 The Saolta Group advertised on E-Tenders for the provision of imaging services in Galway

On the 14th July 2015, GUH transferred the lease from 'Merlin Park Radiology Group' to 'Alliance Medical Group'.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1731</b>	Can you confirm to me if there is any plans in place for any development on the Merlin Park site. Are all the units currently open? Are there any plans for signage for the hospital?	<b>CLlr M Hoade</b>
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It is planned to further develop Outpatient and Day Services at the Merlin Park University Hospital site. Over the last year we have relocated the Cardiac Rehabilitation Service to Merlin Park and have transferred further Physiotherapy OPD Services to the site; additional clinics have also been established in Rheumatology, Nephrology and orthopaedics.

There is a requirement to upgrade signage on the MPUH site; this will be reviewed and progressed subject to available resources.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

In addition to the plans outlined in the presentation to the Regional Health Forum committee on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, the following developments are ongoing:-

The School of Podiatry Clinic based in Unit 3, Merlin Park has just completed a €1million development of an ambulatory day surgery unit. This unit will be used by Podiatry as well as other hospital services to provide surgery under local anaesthetic with the client returning home

the same day. The unit which is due to open in January 2016 is the first of its kind in Ireland and is expected to reduce waiting times and reduce hospital admissions. It will also be key in the clinical education of podiatry and medicine undergraduates. The aim is to deliver quality and timely surgical interventions, as an option outside of the main hospital acute setting.

The partnership between education and health and between acute services and community services to develop the Podiatry facility really demonstrates what can be achieved when a collaborative approach is used.

A submission has been made to the National Capital Steering Group by CHO 2 for a new build Community Nursing Unit on the site. Phase 1 of this project consists of 52 replacement beds for the current CNU in Units 5 & 6. Phase 2 consists of 48 additional beds and a Day care Centre.

***T Canavan, Chief Officer, Area 2***

<b>W60Q1732</b>	What is the current situation with staff in the Dental Department. A number of staff are currently on maternity leave. Are there plans in place to cover their maternity leave.	<b>Cllr M Hoade</b>
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The Dental Department in Co. Galway currently has three new dentists. These dentists have concentrated initially on patients needing care on waiting lists.

A dental nurse is also being recruited for 2016.

Two dentists are currently on maternity leave and a half time dentist is returning from maternity leave this month, leaving 1.5 WTEs temporarily vacant.

We will attempt to provide maternity cover. However, there are capacity constraints in several dental clinics due to renovation works that will improve the environment and efficiency. While the works are underway we cannot operate at full capacity.

***T Canavan, Chief Officer, Area 2***

<b>W60Q1733</b>	Can you confirm to me how many extra nursing staff have been taken on in the GUH group. Are all wards in UCH open at present? Any plans for any ward closure in the last two months of this year.	<b>Cllr M Hoade</b>
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Between October 2014 and October 2015 **18.17** additional nursing staff have been recruited to GUH

<b>Nursing Staff</b>		
<b>Oct 2014</b>	<b>Oct 2015</b>	
1,255.15	1,273.32	18.17

All wards in UHG are currently open and there are no plans for ward closures.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1734</b>	Can the HSE inform the members of this forum if any capital funding has been provided to bring the Sacred Heart Hospital, Roscommon into compliance with HIQA regulations?	<b>Cllr T Ward</b>
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No capital funding has been provided to date for this project.

**T Canavan, Chief Officer, Area 2**

<b>W60Q1735</b>	Can the HSE inform members of the forum if the HSE has any plans to extend the opening hours of the urgent care unit at Roscommon County Hospital.	<b>Cllr T Ward</b>
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There are no plans to extend the opening hours of the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) located in the Urgent Care Centre of Roscommon University Hospital.

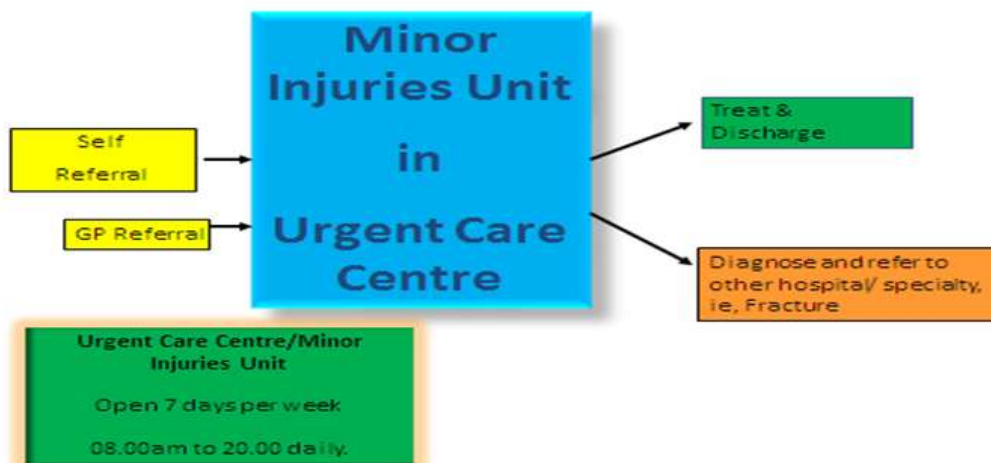
The opening hours are 8am to 8pm, 7 days per week.

Whilst the numbers attending the MIU have increased year on year (4,650 attendances in 2014 and increase of 9.1% on 2013), there is more than sufficient capacity within the department to accommodate more attendances.

Health Form members are reminded of the referral pathway for patients to the Minor Injuries Unit in the Urgent Care Centre ( public information leaflets and posters also attached)

#### Minor Injuries Unit – in the Urgent Care Centre

##### Referral Pathway



The Minor Injuries unit is a facility for walk in/self-referral or GP referrals located in the Urgent Care Centre.

It is open 7 days per week from 8am to 8pm daily.

Adults and children of 5 years and over who present with the following conditions can be treated in the Unit:

- Suspected broken bones in legs from knees to toes

- Suspected broken bones in arms from collar bone to finger tips
- All sprains and strains
- Facial injuries including Oral and Nasal Injuries
- Minor Scalds and burns
- Wounds, bites, cuts, grazes and scalp lacerations
- Small abscesses and boils
- Splinters and fish hooks
- Foreign bodies in eye/ears/nose
- Minor chest injuries
- Minor Head injuries (must be fully conscious and had no loss of consciousness or vomiting after head injury)
- Road Traffic Accident – delayed presentations only
- Change of Indwelling Urinary Catheter **(Adults only)**
- P.E.G. tube re-insertion **(Adults only)**
- Dislocated shoulders **(Adults only)**

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1736</b>	Can the HSE Executive please inform the members of this forum of how much the HSE is paying for the rental of buildings in County Roscommon? And the names of the landlords.	<b>Cllr T Ward</b>
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<b>No.</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Landlord</b>	<b>€ p.a.</b>
<b>1</b>	Counselling Services, Abbey St, Roscommon	John & Joan O'Gara	13,340.00
<b>2</b>	Warehouse at Clooneybeirne, Roscommon	Royal Cove Development Limited	30,249.00
<b>3</b>	Castle Court House, (Stone Court), Roscommon	Damien Harper and Martin Ferris, Joint Receivers over Certain Assets of John O'Gara & Larry O'Gara.	46,296.00
<b>4</b>	Ballaghadereen Primary Care Centre	A. & D. Lynch.	18,000.00
<b>5</b>	Riverside House, Front Unit, Main Street, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon, (Tusla)	Marie McSharry	30,000.00
<b>6</b>	Monksland (old Health Centre) (Tusla)	The County Council of the County of Roscommon	1.00
<b>7</b>	Roscommon PCCC	Mr. Charlie O'Brien and others	328,098.00
<b>8</b>	Roscommon PCCC	Mr. Charlie O'Brien and others	123,948.00
<b>9</b>	Castlerea PCC	Dr. Michael Henry and others	202,926.41

10	Government Offices, Convent Road.	The Commissioner of Public Works.	0.00
11	Monksland PCC	Dr. Tony Lowry	202,915.94
Total:			995,774.35

W60Q1737	What is the current position of our new proposed community hospital in Letterkenny ?	Cllr C Brogan
<p>The HSE Estates Department and local services are currently finalising the brief for a new Community Hospital /Nursing Unit in Letterkenny. The brief will be completed in 2015 and it is then intended to procure a design team and proceed with a planning application for the development in 2016.</p> <p><i>J Hayes, Chief Officer, Area 1</i></p>		
W60Q1738	Can we be given a progress report on the current cancer services at Letterkenny General hospital ?	Cllr C Brogan
<p>LUH currently employ two Consultant Oncologists and one Consultant Haematologist who provide comprehensive inpatient, day case and outpatient services for cancer patients.</p> <p><b>Symptomatic Breast Service</b> - Letterkenny University Hospital provides a full Symptomatic Breast Service as a satellite of the University Hospital Galway designated centre. The Letterkenny service receives a high volume of referrals and has been supported since its inception to continue developing in order to meet the increasing demand from the local population. In February 2015 the HSE and Department of Health approved additional resources to this service.</p> <p>In the interim additional consultant support is being provided to Letterkenny from both University Hospital Galway and Beaumont Hospital Dublin.</p> <p>Weekly MDT meeting are held with UHG to discuss patient pathway for diagnosed cancers.</p> <p><b>Colorectal Service / Symptomatic and Screening</b> - Letterkenny University Hospital also provides a Symptomatic Colorectal Cancer Surgery Programme and is one of the few hospitals outside of the designated cancer centres to be recognised by the National Cancer Control Programme for the provision of rectal cancer surgery.</p> <p>Letterkenny University Hospital has recently advertised for two Colorectal Consultant Surgeons, which will provide an increase on the two posts previously approved.</p> <p>In November 2014 Letterkenny University Hospital became a Referral Centre for patients requiring investigation as part of the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BowelScreen). Mobile unit commissioned in 2015 to increase capacity by 30%. KPI for Bowel Cancer screening is 28 days for urgent and 12 weeks for routine.</p>		



To facilitate this development the National Cancer Screening Service has supported the provision of a Modular Endoscopy Unit at LGH. This unit was necessary as the Capital Project to expand the existing Endoscopy Unit to JAG Accreditation standards had to be postponed as a consequence of the 2013 flood.

In addition to the above the Saolta Group has supported the appointment of three additional nurses to allow this new facility to increase throughput and reduce the number of patients having to travel outside of Donegal for their colonoscopy or their gastroscopy.

**Lung Cancer** - Following Lung cancer diagnosis being determined in Letterkenny University Hospital, Patient cases are discussed at a Lung Multi Disciplinary Meeting with St James Hospital via teleconferencing.

Patients that are candidates for surgery are referred to the surgeon present at the Lung MDT meeting in St James Hospital. Patients that require radiotherapy can be referred for Stereotactic radiotherapy in St James if case suitable for Stereotactic radiotherapy or to St Luke's Hospital for radiotherapy. A visiting Consultant from St. Luke's Hospital who attends LUH 3 times per month. Patients are referred to medical oncology services in LUH for chemotherapy treatment.

**Radiotherapy Project** - The Department of Health, The HSE and Saolta (including Letterkenny University Hospital), Clinicians and Senior Managers have been working with their counterparts in Northern Ireland over the last three years to develop a Cross Border Radiotherapy Centre in Altnagelvin Hospital Derry. This Unit is scheduled to open in October 2016 and will allow for the provision of Radiotherapy Services for the most common cancers to be provided in the North West. This services will complement the medical Oncology Services already available in Letterkenny University Hospital and also in Altnagelvin.

This facility will be one of the most significant Cancer Service Developments on the Island and will be unique in terms of its cross border mandate and funding. The clinical and social benefits for the patients of Donegal will be tremendous, significantly reducing the numbers who have to travel to Dublin and Galway for Radiotherapy.

**Travel Support for Radiotherapy** - At present The Friends of Letterkenny University Hospital provide a bus which transports patients undergoing radiotherapy in Dublin from LUH to St. Luke's Hospital (every Monday) and back from Dublin to Letterkenny (every Friday).

In addition the hospital works very closely with the Irish Cancer Society in the provision of the Travel to Care Scheme for patients requiring travel assistance. Financial support is available for patients who access approved NCCP location.

The HSE also provide financial support to patients from West Donegal who access Radiotherapy in St. Luke's who use flights to Dublin from Carrickfin Airport.

Patients whose health status is such that they are unable/unfit to travel in conventional car or bus transport may have access to HSE ambulance transport.

**Colposcopy** – LUH has a dedicated Colposcopy Unit on Floor B which was officially opened in October 2010. Any women with abnormal smears are referred to the Colposcopy service for further investigation/treatment.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1739</b>	Can we have a progress report on the rebuild programme of work at Letterkenny General hospital?	<b>Cllr C Brogan</b>
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- The interim Outpatient Department in the town centre continues and option appraisal is ongoing as to the future plan for location of this service.
- Radiology: Planning permission has been received recently. Work is currently underway on applying for Fire and Disability accessibility certification. Work is also underway to prepare tender documents. Once the additional documentation is reviewed by National Capital Programme, and approved, it will go to tender to identify a preferred bidder. We expect to go to tender in early Spring 2016 as planned. The duration of contract is expected to be 12 months.
- Kitchen Rebuild has been completed and it and it re-opened on 13/04/2015.
- Laboratory – construction due to be completed in early December 2015. The Core Lab contract has been signed and the commissioning of the Core Lab is to be complete by April 2016 and Medical Records will move back then.
- CCU / Haematology Oncology Ward –Planning permission was received on 11/05/2015. We intend to go to tender in November
- Boiler house, Maintenance and Ducting System – A strategy has been agreed. The works are to proceed later in 2015 subject to funding approval.
- Mortuary and staff changing facilities are currently under review in terms of one complete phase.
- Permanent Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Facility – The assessment and business case is being developed.
- Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Departments – The assessment and business case is being developed. Interim arrangements have been put in place for these two services in the meantime.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1740</b>	Please clarify what steps (including any review or investigation) which were taken by Management of the HSE West and/or the Regional Hospital following the unfortunate death of a young girl on the 14 December 2011 in Temple Street Hospital in Dublin a number of days after she had been transferred to that hospital and whose	<b>Cllr C Connolly</b>
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	death was the subject of an inquest presided over by Dr Brian Farrell who delivered his findings last October and please furnish a copy of any report(s) carried out including any recommendations made and any changes implemented as a result in the period since her death to date.																									
<p>Galway University Hospitals fully engaged with the Coroner, Dr Brian Farrell during his comprehensive and detailed Inquest into the death of AC. The Inquest involved sworn evidence from a number of medical and nursing staff from GUH together with the testimony of an independent expert who assisted the Coroner in reaching his verdict. Given the comprehensive nature of the Inquest GUH do not, at this stage, intend to carry out any further review.</p> <p>The inquest findings will be reviewed at our Serious Incident Management team meeting.</p> <p>We are appointing a consultant paediatric endocrinologist based in Galway. This will provide local Galway based specialist expertise.</p> <p><b><i>M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group</i></b></p>																										
<b>W60Q1741</b>	Please furnish <u>full details</u> in relation to the agreement of whatever nature between the HSE West and the private x-ray facility on the grounds of Merlin Park including furnishing the number of public patients referred there in the last five years on a year by year basis and on what basis they were referred there.	<b>Cllr C Connolly</b>																								
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<b>W60Q1742</b>	Please clarify the situation re the Ambulance service for the Maam - Leenane area including the waiting times for an ambulance following a request for same from a patient and setting out where the available ambulances are based and how many and what steps have been taken to deal with the entirely unacceptable situation where patients have had to wait three hours for an ambulance.	<b>Cllr C Connolly</b>																								

## **General**

The National Ambulance Service (NAS) West provides Ambulance and Pre-Hospital Emergency care to the population of County Galway operating from 6 ambulance stations:

**Galway, Clifden, Carraroe, Tuam, Loughrea and Ballinasloe**

### **1.Ongoing Developments**

#### **New Bases 2015.**

- **Tuam Ambulance Base** Tuam and **Mulranney Ambulance Base** became operational 24/7 in April of 2015

#### **Control**

- The establishment National Emergency Operations Control Centre is now a single ambulance control centre operating on 2 sites in Ballyshannon and Tallaght. Previous to this there were 8 control centres across the country.

#### **Recruitment**

- In 2015 a total of 5 paramedic trainee classes' have commenced in Ballinasloe and Tallaght totaling 66 students with a further 30 to start in November. The course lasts over a 2 year period; however staff will begin to make an impact on areas by the Q 1 and Q 2 of 2016

#### **Intermediate Care Service**

- The development of the Intermediate Care Service continues and allows for the channelling of emergency crews staffed by Advance paramedics and paramedics to emergency calls.

#### **Aeromedical Service – Helicopter**

- The government has announced in 2015 the formal establishment of the Aeromedical service which was initially introduced on a pilot basis in 2011. The service is of particular benefit to areas along the western seaboard and the more rural inland areas. The National Ambulance Service also has a Service Level Agreement with the Coast Guard to provide Aeromedical service.

#### **Fleet and Equipment**

- All ambulances in Galway and the West have received new Defibrillators in 2015 each costing €25k per machine in each ambulance.
- Additional Fleet is presently being moved out across the West with further investment in 2016. The west will have received 22 front line emergency vehicles across the Area of the MW, West and NW.

### **2. Leenane and Maam**

The challenges of servicing areas such as Lennane and Maam in south Connemara through conventional Emergency ambulances with the difficulties due to the population and spread extending across a large rural area. Response times around the country vary significantly based on a number of factors:

- Geographical and Demographical challenges
- Road Network
- Capacity (distance between Ambulance Stations)

#### **What are we doing to Improve Performance?**

NAS is taking a number of steps to provide a more timely response and improved patient outcomes.

- Working with the Dept of Health, HSE and National Ambulance Service publication of a Vision 2020 Strategy Document for the next 5 years.
- Continued recruitment and training of staff
- Development of existing staff including up skilling and training of advance Paramedics
- Processes around call taking and dispatch – National Emergency Control Centre
- Engagement with and development of Community First Responder Schemes
- Dynamic Deployment.
- Plan for the Elimination of On Call
- Development of Clinical Performance Measures through the Medical Director
- Optimising the existing resources through deployment and resource mix
- Estates Capital Investment Programme.

### **Community First Responders**

Community First Responders can play a vital role in helping the NAS to save lives. A new National Forum for Community First Responder Schemes is now in place. These schemes compliment the services provided by the ambulance service and ensure that life saving emergency treatment can begin as soon as possible.

The service developments outlined will impact positively not only on the population of Maam and Lennane but similar communities across the west. There will continue to be challenges particularly in isolated rural areas that require an integrated approach to pre hospital emergency care with a focused approach to patient care and clinical outcomes. The National Ambulance Service is committed to putting in place a programme that will lead to continuous developments toward improved patient care.

***P O’Riordan, Area Operations Manager, West National Ambulance Service***

<b>W60Q1743</b>	Please furnish the in-patient and out-patient waiting lists for Orthopaedic surgery and procedures in Galway and please clarify how Management can stand over such lists and/or a seriously ill patient being told that it would be up to 2 years waiting for major spinal surgery due to lack of funding and that on top of a two year waiting list for an MRI and more particularly what steps have been taken by management to deal with this situation and/or what urgent representations have been made to the Department of Health to remedy the situation.	<b>Clr C Connolly</b>
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### **Inpatient Outpatient Waiting List for Orthopaedic Surgery**

**Orthopaedic Inpatient Waiting List**

0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-8 Months	8-12 Months	12-15 Mths	15-18 Mths	18-24 Mths	24-36 Months	48+ Months	Total
342	226	80	94	31	20	19	3	1	816

**Orthopaedic Outpatient Waiting List**

0-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6-9 Mths	9-12 Mths	12-15 Mths	15-18 Mths	18-21 Mths	21-24 Mths	24-36 Mths	36-48 Mths	Total
893	817	808	674	655	256	224	112	135	53	4627

The orthopaedics waiting list is challenging both at a local and national level with high numbers of patients waiting for access to outpatient and inpatient treatment. There have recently been new consultant appointments to the orthopaedic service and it is planned that OPD services will be further developed to increase capacity.

We are particularly challenged with regard to the waiting list for elective spinal (including scoliosis) surgery which is high end complex surgery.

Our Emergency spinal Trauma work in GUH is significant which impacts on our ability to undertake the elective element of the service; however we are actively working on developing the elements required to support the service including inpatient beds, high end equipment, theatre capacity and staffing.

***M Power, CEO, Saolta University Health Care Group***

<b>W60Q1744</b>	Can the executive give an update on the Department of Health's response to their application for funding for the construction of a new unit on lands adjacent to St. Patrick's Hospital, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim?	<b>Cllr F Gurn</b>
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The Health Services Executive is currently awaiting the necessary approvals from the Department of Health relating to the capital programme to upgrade / replace publicly owned community hospitals / nursing units.

The HSE have proposed replacing the current facility with a new unit on a HSE owned Greenfield site.

***J Hayes, Chief Officer, Area 1***

<b>W60Q1745</b>	What are the current rates being paid for residential care in private nursing homes and can the rates for each county in the HSE West be published?	<b>Cllr C Brogan</b>
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Under the Nursing Home Support Scheme Act the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) has been designated by the Minister for Health, as a body authorised to negotiate with proprietors of registered nursing homes to reach agreement in relation to the maximum price(s) that will be charged for the provision of long-term residential care services. As part of this function, the NTPF will enter into "Approved Nursing Home Agreements" with registered private and voluntary nursing homes to record the maximum price(s) that have been negotiated. The NTPF will provide the HSE with the details of all Approved Nursing Home Agreements.

Attached (***See Appendix A***) is a summary report last updated on the 15/10/2015 that provides the rates for each county across the country which you can review for information pertaining specifically to the counties in the former HSE West area.

***Pascal Moynihan, Director of Older People Services***

## Appendix A

NURSING HOMES SUPPORT SCHEME MAXIMUM AGREED PRICES WITH PRIVATE AND VOLUNTARY NURSING HOMES					Maximum Agreed Price (per week)	
Nursing Home Name	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	County	Single room €	Shared room €
<b>Co. Donegal</b>						
Aras Mhic Suibhne Nursing Home	Mullinasole	Laghey		Co. Donegal	760	760
Harbour Lights Nursing Home	Townasligo		Bruckless	Co. Donegal	750	750
Brentwood Manor Nursing Home	Letterkenny Road		Convoy	Co. Donegal	800	800
Brindley Manor Nursing Home	Letterkenny Road		Convoy	Co. Donegal	750	750
Aras Ghaoth Dobhair Nursing Home	Meenaniller		Derrybeg	Co. Donegal	775	775
Lake House Nursing Home	Port na Blagh		Dunfanaghy	Co. Donegal	725	725
Beach Hill Nursing Home	Lisannon		Fahan	Co. Donegal	750	750
Archview Lodge Nursing Home	Drumany		Letterkenny	Co. Donegal	730	730
Hillcrest Nursing Home	Long Lane		Letterkenny	Co. Donegal	740	740
St Eunan's Nursing Home	Ramelton Road		Letterkenny	Co. Donegal	760	760
Nazareth House Nursing Home	Fahan	Buncrana	Lifford	Co. Donegal	740	740
Aras Uí Dhomhaill Nursing Home	Loughnakey		Milford	Co. Donegal	750	750
<b>Co. Galway</b>						
Ballygar Nursing Home Ltd	High Street	Ballygar		Co. Galway	700	700
Bushfield Care Centre	Bushfield	Oranmore		Co. Galway	785	785
Clarenbridge Nursing Home	Ballygarraiff	Craughwell		Co. Galway	850	850
Corrandulla Residential Nursing Home	Old Monastery	Corrandulla		Co. Galway	725	725
Kilcolgan Nursing Home	Kilcolgan			Co. Galway	800	800
Millrace Nursing Home	Bridge Street	Ballinasloe		Co. Galway	740	740
Oughterard Manor Nursing Home	Camp Street	Oughterard		Co. Galway	785	785
St Marys Nursing Home	Shantalla Road	Galway		Co. Galway	870	870
Flannery's Nursing Home	Kilgarve		Abbeyknockmoy	Co. Galway	794	773
Áras Chois Fharraige	Pairc		An Spidéal	Co. Galway	889	889
Little Flower Nursing Home	Labane		Ardrahan	Co. Galway	775	775

Castleturvin Nursing Home			Athenry	Co. Galway	800	800
Maryfield Alzheimer Nursing Home	Farnabla		Athenry	Co. Galway	910	910
Ballinderry Nursing Home	Ballinderry	Kilconnell	Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	775	775
Central Park Nursing Home	Clonberne Village		Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	775	775
Garbally View Nursing Home	76 Brackernagh		Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	665	665
Hillside Nursing Home	Attidernot	Aughrim	Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	675	675
Holy Family Nursing Home	Magheramore	Killimor	Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	785	785
Kiltormer Nursing Home		Kiltormer	Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	745	745
Nightingale Nursing Home	Lowville	Ahascragh	Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	650	650
St Francis Nursing Home	Kilkerrin		Ballinasloe	Co. Galway	685	685
Teach Altranais Nursing Home			Carna	Co. Galway	900	900
Mystical Rose Nursing Home	Knockdoernore		Claregalway	Co. Galway	905	905
Coral Haven Nursing Home	Headford Road		Galway	Co. Galway	900	900
Rushmore Nursing Home	Gentian Hill	Salthill	Galway	Co. Galway	840	840
St David's Nursing Home	Gentian Hill	Salthill	Galway	Co. Galway	805	805
Rosemount Nursing Home	Church Street		Gort	Co. Galway	720	720
Lough Corrib Nursing Home	Kilbeg Pier		Headford	Co. Galway	726	726
Blake Manor Nursing Home	Cloughballymore House	Ballinderreen	Kilcolgan	Co. Galway	850	850
Mountbellew Nursing Home	Treanrevagh		Mountbellew	Co. Galway	745	745
An Teaghlach Uilinn Retirement & Convalescent Centre	Kilrainey		Moycullen	Co. Galway	780	780
Moycullen Nursing Home	Ballynahallia		Moycullen	Co. Galway	830	830
Portumna Retirement Village	St Brendans Rd		Portumna	Co. Galway	860	860
Brooklodge Nursing Home	Ballyglunin		Tuam	Co. Galway	867	836
Greenpark Nursing Home	Tullinadaly Road		Tuam	Co. Galway	816	816
Stella Maris Nursing Home	Cummer		Tuam	Co. Galway	750	750

#### Co. Leitrim

St Phelim's Nursing Home		Dromahaire	Co. Leitrim	780	780
Lough Erril Private Nursing Home		Mohill	Co. Leitrim	775	775



## Co. Limerick

Abbot Close Nursing Home	Askeaton		Co. Limerick	830	830
Ard Na Ri Nursing Home	Holy Cross	Bruff	Co. Limerick	740	740
Catherine McCauley House Nursing Home	Old Dominic Street		Co. Limerick	845	845
Milford Care Centre	Plassey Park Road	Castletroy	Co. Limerick	885	885
Rosary Hill Nursing Home	Castleconnell		Co. Limerick	770	770
Lir Retirement Home	Tournafulla		Co. Limerick	665	665
Cahermoyle Nursing Home		Ardagh	Co. Limerick	810	810
Roseville House Nursing Home	Killoman	Ballysimon	Co. Limerick	833	833
Beechlodge Nursing Home	Kilmallock Road	Bruree	Co. Limerick	870	870
St Michaels Nursing Home	Ceol Na Habhann	Hundred Acres East	Co. Limerick	780	780
Thorpas Nursing Home		Caherconlish	Co. Limerick	695	695
Adare & District Nursing Home	Adare Road	Clarina	Co. Limerick	820	820
Caherass Nursing Home		Croagh	Co. Limerick	795	795
Maria Goretti Nursing Home	Proonts	Croom	Co. Limerick	750	750
St Gobnait's Nursing Home	Drewscourt	Kilmallock	Co. Limerick	700	700
Corbally House Nursing Home	Mill Road	Kilmallock	Co. Limerick	760	760
Good Counsel Nursing Home	Kilmallock Road	Limerick	Co. Limerick	665	665
St Paul's Nursing Home		Limerick	Co. Limerick	845	845
The Park Nursing Home		Limerick	Co. Limerick	889	889
Beechwood Nursing Home	Bothar Bui	Newcastle West	Co. Limerick	800	800
Killeline Nursing Home	Cork Road	Newcastle West	Co. Limerick	840	840
St Catherine's Nursing Home	Bothair Bui	Newcastle West	Co. Limerick	890	890
St Anthony's Nursing Home		Pallasgreen	Co. Limerick	765	765
		Kilduff Castle			

## Co. Mayo

Moyridge Nursing Home	Plunkett Street		Ballina	Co. Mayo	770	770
Friar's Lodge Nursing Home	Convent Road		Ballinrobe	Co. Mayo	760	760
Ave Maria Nursing Home	Tooreen		Ballyhaunis	Co. Mayo	765	765
Brookvale Manor Nursing Home			Ballyhaunis	Co. Mayo	800	800
Ti Aire Private Nursing Home	Tallagh		Belmullet	Co. Mayo	760	760
Abbeybreaffy Nursing Home	Dublin Road		Castlebar	Co. Mayo	895	895
Cuan Chaitriona Nursing Home	The Lawn		Castlebar	Co. Mayo	920	920
St Annes Nursing Home	Sonnagh		Charlestown	Co. Mayo	760	760

St Attractas Nursing Home	Hagfield		Charlestown	Co. Mayo	902	902
Claremount Nursing Home			Claremorris	Co. Mayo	860	860
Hollymount Nursing Home	Kilrush	Hollymount	Claremorris	Co. Mayo	775	775
Blackrocks Nursing Home	The Green		Foxford	Co. Mayo	810	810
Ballinamore House Nursing Home	Ballinamore		Kiltimagh	Co. Mayo	770	770
Queen of Peace Nursing Home		Churchfield	Knock	Co. Mayo	770	770
St Brendan's High Support Unit			Mulranny	Co. Mayo	815	815
Pilgrim's Rest Nursing Home	Barley Hill		Westport	Co. Mayo	750	750

## Co. Roscommon

Abbey Haven Care Centre & Nursing Home	Carrick Road	Boyle		Co. Roscommon	775	775
Tearmain Bhríde Nursing Home	Brideswell	Athlone		Co. Roscommon	720	720
Oakwood Nursing Home	Circular Road		Ballaghaderreen	Co. Roscommon	735	735
Drumderrig Nursing Home Ltd	Drumderrig		Boyle	Co. Roscommon	755	755
Fearna Manor Nursing Home	Tarmon Road		Castlereagh	Co. Roscommon	795	795
Costello's Vale View Nursing Home	Ballyleague		Lanesboro	Co. Roscommon	800	800
Innis Ree Lodge Nursing Home	Ballyleague		Lanesborough	Co. Roscommon	810	810
Shannon Lodge Nursing Home			Rooskey	Co. Roscommon	758	758
Clover Hill Nursing Home	Lisagallon	Cloverhill	Roscommon	Co. Roscommon	866	866
Oakwood Private Nursing Home	Acres/Ardsallaghmore	Athlone Road	Roscommon	Co. Roscommon	800	800
St Eithne's Rest Care Centre	Tulsk Parish Services		Tulsk	Co. Roscommon	596	596

**Co. Sligo**

Bailey's Nursing Home	Mountain Road	Tubbercurry		Co. Sligo	810	810
Ballymote Community Nursing Unit	Ballymote			Co. Sligo	900	900
Ard Na Greine Nursing Home			Enniscrone	Co. Sligo	866	866
Mowlam Nursing Home		Ballytivnan	Sligo	Co. Sligo	780	780
Nazareth House Nursing Home	New Building	Church Hill	Sligo	Co. Sligo	980	980
Summerville Nursing Home			Strandhill	Co. Sligo	850	850

**Co. Tipperary**

Ardeen Nursing Home	Abbey Road	Thurles		Co. Tipperary	820	820
Bushy Park Nursing Home	Nenagh Road	Borrisokane		Co. Tipperary	778	778
Millbrae Lodge Nursing Home	Newport			Co. Tipperary	845	845
Mount Carmel Nursing Home	Parkmore Convent, Abbey Street	Roscrea		Co. Tipperary	810	810
Patterson's Nursing Home	Lismacken	Roscrea		Co. Tipperary	770	770
Bramleigh Lodge Nursing Home	Town's Park	Cashel Road	Cahir	Co. Tipperary	830	830
St Martha's Nursing Home	Glenswilly House	Cappauniac	Cahir	Co. Tipperary	780	780
Greenhill's Nursing Home	Greenhill		Carrick on Suir	Co. Tipperary	825	825
Acom Lodge Nursing Home	Ballykelly		Cashel	Co. Tipperary	840	840
St Theresa's Nursing Home	Friar St		Cashel	Co. Tipperary	785	785
Cottage Nursing Home	70 Irishtown		Clonmel	Co. Tipperary	810	810
Melview House Nursing Home	Prior Park		Clonmel	Co. Tipperary	800	800
Rathkeevan Nursing Home	Cahir Road	Rathkeevan	Clonmel	Co. Tipperary	860	860
Woodland's Nursing Home	Bishopswood		Dundrum	Co. Tipperary	750	750
Willowbrook Lodge Nursing Home	Mocklershill		Fethard	Co. Tipperary	790	790
Deerpark Nursing Home			Lattin	Co. Tipperary	815	815
Ashlawn House Nursing Home	Carrigatoher		Nenagh	Co. Tipperary	840	840
Nenagh Manor Nursing Home	Yewstown		Nenagh	Co. Tipperary	849	849
Rivervale Nursing Home	Rathnaleen	Old Birr Road	Nenagh	Co. Tipperary	720	720
St Kieran's Nursing Home	The Pike	Rathcabin	Roscrea	Co. Tipperary	815	815
Villa Marie Nursing Home	Grange	Templemore Road	Roscrea	Co. Tipperary	760	760
Bailey House Nursing Home	Bailey Street	Killenaule	Thurles	Co. Tipperary	670	670
Padre Pio Nursing Home	Holy Cross		Thurles	Co. Tipperary	800	800

St Theresa's Nursing Home  
Sacre Coeur Nursing Home

Dublin Road  
Station Rd

Thurles  
Tipperary

Co. Tipperary  
Co. Tipperary

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