

By email to Fergus.odowd@oireachtas.ie

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Mr. Fergus O'Dowd T.D,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 53777/23 *“To ask the Minister for Health to detail the total number of vacant posts, by grade, for Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy O’ Dowd,

The RCSI Hospital Group has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Please see below table outlining staffing complement in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and Louth County Hospital in the years 2018 and 2023, the staffing increase amounts and vacancies.

Staff Category (WTE)	Dec-18 Staffing	Nov-23 Staffing	Staffing Increase	Nov-23 Vacancies
Medical & Dental	99.68	111.04	+77.47	11.00
Nursing & Midwifery	922.23	1,233.10	+310.87	79.02
Health & Social Care Professionals	211.91	282.82	+70.91	35.10
Management & Administrative	327.23	399.48	+72.25	7.00
General Support	246.07	280.28	+34.21	16.00
Patient & Client Care	214.96	282.96	+68.00	1.00

It should be noted that the workforce complement has increased by 633.71 WTE in the past 5 years and current vacancies can be typical of a natural employee turnover level in the context of an aggregate workforce of over 2830 whole time equivalents.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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