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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant breast surgeons based at each hospital part of the Saolta Hospital Group in 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023, in tabular form. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

In response to your above parliamentary query from 14/11/2023 the table below outlines the Saolta Hospital Group response:

Number of WTE consultant breast surgeons*

Hospital	2021	2022	2023
GUH**	6	6	6
MUH	0.8	0.8	0.8
LUH	2	2	2
RUH	0	0	0
PUH	0	0	0
SUH	0	0	0

* The above figures are in response to PQ issued on 14/11/23 and the figures above relate to that date.

** There are six Consultant Breast Surgeons who are not full WTEs allocated to Breast Surgery and have varying commitments to the GUH site including General Surgery. Some of these Consultants also work in the Breastcheck Service. A seventh Consultant Breast Surgeon who is based in MUH has a 0.2 WTE commitment to the Symptomatic Breast Unit in GUH.

Yours sincerely,

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