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REF: PQ 13879/24

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant gastroenterologists with a special interest in inflammatory bowel disease based in Galway University Hospital in 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form.  
-Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, we can confirm that there are 8.5 WTE Gastroenterologists, all of whom will provide Inflammatory Bowel Disease care but approximately 2.5WTE would have a particular sub-interest and have Inflammatory Bowel Disease specific clinics.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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