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PQ 29593/24

To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of the total number of WTE staff, by job title and grade, employed at University Hospital Limerick for each of the years from 2014 to 2024 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty,

The Health Service Executive 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.

Please see below the total number of WTE staff by staff category for the years requested:

University Hospital Limerick WTE Staff Category / Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (May)
Medical/Dental	307	339	375	401	401	437	521	552	546	635	660
Nursing/Midwifery	763	846	857	945	1,029	1,014	1,095	1,278	1,312	1,399	1,442
Health & Social Care Professionals	273	284	300	325	338	338	356	416	397	437	455
Management/Admin	277	364	383	436	450	419	457	540	585	616	630
General Support Staff	146	157	167	225	229	227	465	521	549	547	539
Patient & Client Care	193	261	283	363	375	379	229	251	252	285	285
Total	1,958	2,252	2,365	2,695	2,822	2,814	3,122	3,560	3,641	3,918	4,012

We are grateful for the additional staffing and resources allocated to UL Hospitals Group in particular since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Much of the additional resource is accounted for demographic and inflationary pressures while staff have also been recruited for additional bed capacity at UHL, where 98 inpatient beds and



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10 critical care beds have been opened since 2020, and to support the expansion of existing services such as the medical assessment units at our smaller hospitals which all moved to 7-day operations last year.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Colette Cowan
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