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**PQ 31731/24 - 'To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent radiation therapists needed to provide the radiation oncology service in each of the years 2014 to 2024 in Beaumont Hospital, St. James's Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital Rathgar, Cork University Hospital and University Hospital Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Brady,

Please find data below in response to your recent question. Please note that St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network (SLRON) manages the three departments at the St. Luke's Centre on the St James's Hospital campus, the St. Luke's Centre on the Beaumont Hospital campus and St. Luke's Hospital in Rathgar, as one network. Therefore, data is not available for each individual centre in SLRON.

Table 1: CUH High-Level Overview of 2016-2021 Allocations

Post	2016 Baseline	2017 Allocation	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2020 Allocation	2021 Allocation	2022 Allocation	Totals	Recommended in 2017 for the 2020 workforce plan	Gap
Dosimetrists	4.3	3	1	1	0	0	0	9.3	9.3	0
RTs	31	7	5	2	0	0	0	49	52 currently in place	0
Radiation Therapist, BASIC Senior							1	52		
Clinical Specialist RTs	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3		

Table 2: SLRON High-Level Overview of 2016-2021 Allocations

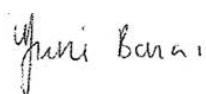
Post	2016 Baseline	2016 Allocation	2017 Allocation	2018 Allocation <sup>2</sup>	2019 Allocation	2020 Allocation	2021 Allocation	2022 Allocation	Totals <sup>2</sup>	Recommended in 2017 for the 2020 workforce plan	Gap
Dosimetrists	14	0	0	?	0	0	0	0	139	136	0
RTs	106	5	7	?	0	0	1	0			
Clinical Specialist RTs	0	2	2	?	0	0	1	1			

Table 3: GUH High-Level Overview of 2016-2021 Allocations

Posts	2016 Baseline	2016 Allocation	2017 Allocation	2018 Allocation	2019 Allocation	2020 Allocation	2021 Allocation <sup>2</sup>	2022 Allocation	Totals	Recommended in 2017 for the 2020 workforce plan	Gap
Dosimetrists	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	6	7	1
RTs	25	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	43	44	0
Clinical Specialist RTs	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	4			

I hope this addresses your query.

Yours sincerely,



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