

20th August 2024

Deputy Sean Fleming TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 32149/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of activities carried out under a heading in the midlands region in 2023 the number of autopsies carried out in Mullingar, Tullamore and Portlaoise and the number of histologies carried out in each of the 3 hospitals and the number of consultants working on these works in each of these 3 hospitals and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Fleming

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Please see number of autopsies, histologies and number of consultants working on these works

Hospital Name	No. autopsies carried out in 2023		No. of histologies carried out in 2023		Cytology Carried out in 2023		No. consultants working on these works			No. consultants working on these works		
	(Autopsy Workload)		(Histology Workload)		(Cytology Workload)		1st half 2023			2nd half of 2023		
	Cases	Blocks	Cases	Blocks	Cases	Specimens	Autopsies	Histology	Cytology	Autopsies	Histology	Cytology
Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore	177	2287	4529	10391	483	547	2	4.6	2	3	5	3
Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise	99	1272	2590	5586	46	49	1	Performed in MRHT	Performed in MRHT	1	Performed in MRHT	Performed in MRHT
Regional Hospital Mullingar	0	0	6574	18125	492	509	Performed in MRHT	Performed in MRHT	Performed in MRHT	Performed in MRHT	Performed in MRHT	Performed in MRHT

** Currently 5 Pathologists in MRHT covering regional service (i.e. MRHP and RHM) for Histology and Cytology. 3 of these 5 Consultants in MRHT do Cytology.

In addition 3 of the 5 Pathologists also support Post Mortem examinations (Autopsies) in MRHT and 1 of the 5 performs Post Mortem examinations in MRHP.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Trevor O' Callaghan
Chief Executive Officer