



Deputy Cullinane  
Dail Eireann  
Dublin 2

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***PQ 23981/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the level of psychiatry staffing in each emergency department; the number of existing posts, by staff grade; the number of vacancies; and the number of consultant psychiatrists who should be in place in each emergency department, in tabular form. -David Cullinane***

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

#### **National Clinical Programme for Self Harm and Suicide related Ideation Response**

The programme is implemented in 26 Emergency Departments (ED) with 24 hour service including CHI Tallaght.

To date the programme has funded 48.5 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) posts. The MOC (2022) recommends one CNS post per 200 presentations of self-harm per annum to the ED per annum and 0.2 WTE admin support per CNS. The MOC (2022) asserts the importance that CNSs are members of a Consultant-led Liaison Psychiatry Multidisciplinary team.

Name	WTE funded to date (CNS Grade)	Vacant WTE (CNS Grade)	Admin Support WTE	Admin support required to meet MOC (0.2 WTE per CNS)
Beaumont Hospital	2.5		0.0	0.5
Cavan General Hospital	1.0		0.0	0.2
Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown	2.0	1.0	0.0	0.5
Cork University Hospital	2.0	Information not supplied	0.0	0.4
Galway University Hospitals	2.0		0.0	0.5
Letterkenny University Hospital	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.6
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	3.0		0.0	0.6
Mayo University Hospital	2.0		0.0	0.4
Mercy University	2.0		0.0	0.5

<b>Hospital Cork</b>				
<b>Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar</b>	1.0		0.0	0.2
<b>Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise</b>	1.0		0.0	0.3
<b>Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore</b>	1.0		0.0	0.2
<b>Naas General Hospital</b>	2.0		0.0	0.4
<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda</b>	1.0		0.0	0.2
<b>Our Lady's Hospital, Navan</b>	1.0		0.0	0.2
<b>Portiuncula University Hospital</b>	1.0		0.0	0.2
<b>Sligo University Hospital</b>	2.0		0.0	0.4
<b>South Tipperary General Hospital</b>	1.0		0.0	0.2
<b>St Luke Hospital Kilkenny</b>	1.0		0.0	0.2
<b>St Vincent's University Hospital</b>	3.0	2.0	0.0	0.6
<b>University Hospital Kerry</b>	3.0		0.0	0.6
<b>University Hospital Waterford</b>	1.0		0.0	0.4
<b>University Hospital, Limerick</b>	1.0		0.0	0.5
<b>Wexford General Hospital</b>	1.0		0.0	0.2
<b>CHI Tallaght</b>	1.0		0.0	0.2
<b>St. James' Hospital</b>	2.0		0.0	0.4
<b>Total</b>		4.0	0.0	9.6

*Source: National Clinical Programme for Self Harm and Suicide Related Ideation*

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,




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