

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st APRIL 2014**

Question

1. Further to the answer given on 19th January 2010 (5026) would the Minister provide an update, for each medical discipline/specialism (for example: cardiology, neurology, orthopaedics etc), of -
 - a. the number of consultants employed on a full time and part time basis in each area?
 - b. (i) the number of non-private health insurance people on waiting lists to see a consultant in each area; and
(ii) the average waiting time for these to see the consultant?
 - c. (i) the number of private health insurance people on waiting lists to see a consultant in each area; and
(ii) the average waiting time for these people to see the consultant?
2. The total number of operations performed in each discipline at the hospital for each year from 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2013 stating -
 - a. the number of private and non-private operations carried out in each discipline for each year;
 - b. the cost of performing these operations in each area for each year for non-private health insurance patients and private health insurance patients?
3. The number, disciplines and costs of locums and agency nursing staff employed by the hospital for each year from 1st January 2009 to 31st December 2013?

Answer

I kindly refer Deputy Higgins to the response given to question 5026 in 2010 which was identical to this question. I have therefore attempted to combine the answers for ease of reference.

Answer to Question 1 a - Please see chart 1 below

Chart 1 Number of Consultant Posts

Specialty	2010 Number of consultant posts	2014 Number of consultant posts
A&E	3	5
Anaesthetics	6	7
Community Dental	0.8	0.8
Oral Surgery	1	1
Orthodontics	0.8 +visiting	0.9 + visiting
ENT	2	3
General Surgery	3	
Vascular surgery		1
Urology		1.3 (0.3 = regular visiting)

Colorectal surgery		consultant)
Breast surgery		1
		1
Trauma and Orthopaedics	3	3
General medicine and specialties	8	10
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	3	4
Ophthalmology	2	3
Paediatrics	3	3
Pathology	4	4
Radiology	4	4
Oncology	0.8	1.8
Psychiatry	4	8
Total	48.4	62.8

Answer to Question 1 b (i) & (ii) - Please see chart 2 below

Chart 2 Waiting List Numbers and Average Wait Times

Specialty	2010		2014	
	Numbers on list January 2010	Average wait in weeks	Numbers on list March 2014	Average wait in weeks in 2013
General Surgery (Inc breast, vascular, plastic, colo-rectal)	361	18	379	6
Urology	178	22	453	10
Orthopaedics	382	11	1246	21
Paediatrics	123	14	73	8
Sports Injury	173	28	66	6
ENT	164	4	474	6
Ophthalmology	397	27	554	7
Pain	296	17	600	9
Gynaecology	167	9	291	6
Oral Surgery	147	5	416	14
Orthodontics	146	12	387	28
Community Dental	83	10	488	12
Diabetes	168	23	191	12
General Medicine (inc endocrinology, rheumatology, nephrology, geriatric)	72	7	236	6
Respiratory	57	21	68	5
Gastro-enterology	205	48	270	17
Neurology	269	31	215	13
Cardiology	121	7	94	20
Dermatology	535	34	469	13
Total	4044		6591	

Answer to Question 1c (i) & (ii)

HSSD does not hold any information on private waiting lists or times as this is managed by the consultants in their independent private businesses. Almost all private out-patient consultations take place off HSSD premises.

Answer to Question 2 a & b - Please see charts 3 and 4 below

Chart 3 - Number of Procedures by Speciality and Private or Public Patients

The table below sets out the number of procedures, by speciality, for each of the years 2010 to 2013. The available data for 2008 & 2009 was provided in response to the question raised in January 2010.

Number of Operations	2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public
Summary Speciality								
Anaesthetics & Pain Management	269	533	303	584	388	540	346	640
Cardiology	2	23	23	118	58	178	32	177
ENT	323	730	353	773	311	789	307	748
Gastroenterology & Endoscopy	523	2,045	608	2,181	589	2,108	633	3,137
General Surgery	463	1,610	371	1,710	458	1,692	363	1,518
Gynaecology	320	1,037	355	1,024	315	1,084	300	913
Nephrology	0	21	0	6	0	10	0	8
Obstetrics	1	412	12	445	13	456	10	404
Ophthalmology	246	1,298	265	871	246	1,045	224	997
Oral Surgery	163	669	173	690	166	598	141	561
Plastic Surgery	67	32	62	28	59	39	56	24
Respiratory Medicine	0	0	11	41	9	80	3	73
Trauma & Orthopaedics	717	2,092	721	2,232	671	2,014	706	2,001
Urology	6	641	141	635	183	776	215	799
Sub-Total	3,100	11,143	3,398	11,338	3,466	11,409	3,336	12,000
Grand Total	14,243		14,736		14,875		15,336	

As reported in 2010 costs at this level of detail have not historically been available. These costs are available for 2013 and are shown in the table below.

Chart 4 - Cost of performing operations by Specialty and Public or Private Patients

Cost of Operations	2013	
	Private	Public
Summary Speciality	£	£
Anaesthetics & Pain Management	72,589	196,865
Cardiology	7,798	70,796
ENT	147,317	487,058
Gastroenterology & Endoscopy	129,041	637,024
General Surgery	262,849	1,443,518
Gynaecology	171,300	616,209
Nephrology	-	10,142
Obstetrics	6,461	368,769
Ophthalmology	96,175	566,497
Oral Surgery	49,255	324,551
Plastic Surgery	48,847	33,464
Respiratory Medicine	894	18,616
Trauma & Orthopaedics	858,990	3,031,707
Urology	83,436	370,389
Sub-Total	1,934,952	8,175,603
Grand Total	10,110,555	

Note 1: The costs above include only the direct costs of performing operations.

Note 2: Private patient costs are fully recovered through charges raised.

Answer to Question 3 - Please charts 5 and 6

Chart 5 Medical Agency Costs and Numbers of Locum Doctors Used

	Total cost 2010	Total cost 2011	Total cost 2012	Total cost 2013
Annual Cost	£1,635,659	£2,252,920	£1,799,508	£2,081,315
Number of Locum Doctors Used	304	322	261	234

Chart 6 Nursing Agency Costs and Numbers of Locum Nurses Used

	Total cost 2010	Total cost 2011	Total cost 2012	Total Cost 2013
Annual Cost	£985,360	£1,038,933	£923,643	£810,788
Number of Agency Nurses Used	Not available	Not available	97	84