

**Additional Campaign Information**

**Staff Nurse (General)**

**Saolta University Health Care Group**

**SNUR16\_153**

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a career with Saolta University Health Care Group. Please see www.saolta.ie for more information on health and social care services provided by this Group.

This is some additional important information regarding this campaign. We highly recommend that you read this document before applying for this campaign.

In this document we lay out the regulations by which the campaign will be run and we explain the recruitment and selection process. This document outlines what we require from you and in what format we require it. This is to ensure we have the same information from all candidates and that candidates are treated in the same manner.

1. **How to apply?**

You must use the Application Form particular to this post, either download it as a Word document from www.hse.ie/eng/staff/jobs/ and type in your details, which you can email to resources.human@hse.ie or print it and fill in by hand and return by post to: **Group Recruitment & Retention Office, Room 53, HR Building, Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway**

* There is no need to sign e-mailed applications; we will request candidates to sign their application form at interview.
* We will not be able to process applications by CV or any other method.
* Applications must be submitted as a Microsoft Word or PDF document format only. Applications stored on personal online storage sites, e.g. Onedrive, Cloud, Dropbox, Google Drive etc will not be accepted, applications submitted in other file formats e.g. Google Docs will not be accepted. Please pay particular attention to ensure that your application is attached as an attachment (not a link to an on line storage site e.g. Google Drive) when emailing your application.

Please ensure that you fully complete the qualifications and eligibility criteria sections of the Application Form. Please note that if you omit information in this section pertinent to the eligibility criteria you may be deemed ineligible and subsequently not called forward to interview. Full details of eligibility criteria are contained in Appendix 1 of this document.

This is a competency based application form. In order to consider your application, this section of the form must be fully completed. If you do not complete all questions, we will be unable to process your application. This means if you do not answer all of your competency questions in full your application will not be submitted for the ranking exercise and subsequent invitation to interview.

Email applications will receive a reply, which will let you know that we have received your email. We can only accept applications received by the closing date and time i.e. **31/10/2017 at 4pm**.

Please note that we will mainly contact you by mobile phone and e-mail. Some communications are sent by post therefore it is most important that both your mobile telephone number and email address are included in your application as well as a postal address. It is your responsibility to ensure you have access to your mobile voice mails and emails. This means that if you choose to use your work mobile and email addresses you may receive communications that have a time deadline requirement while working away or on leave. We recommend you use your personal mobile and email that you have regular access to.

1. **Who should apply?**

We welcome applications from all suitably qualified candidates who are interested in Staff Nurse (General) positions in Saolta University Health Care Group.

A panel may be created from which all permanent and specified purpose vacancies of full or part time duration may be filled. The panel will fill vacancies which may occur for a 12 month period (panels may be extended).

There are criteria that apply to applicants being deemed eligible or ineligible. Information on this is available on the appendices detailed below:

* For more details on the qualifications and eligibility criteria please see Appendix 1.
* For information on “Non-European Economic Area Applicants” please see Appendix 2.
* Please note we cannot accept applications from applicants who are in receipt of pensions from particular superannuation schemes (i.e. if you are retired) please see Appendix 4 for more information on this.
1. **Will I get a post through this campaign?**

We currently have staff nursing opportunities available across many departments

Medical, Surgical, Critical Care, Coronary Care, Cardiology, Cardiothoracic, Theatre, Urology, Gastro-Intestinal, Plastics, Ophthalmic, ENT, Vascular, Endo-Vascular, Maxillo-Facial, Nephrology, Respiratory, Cancer Services and Emergency Medicine.

A position on the panel is not a job offer and does not necessarily mean that you will be offered a post. Depending on the outcome of the selection process you may be placed on a panel in order of merit, from which specified purpose and permanent job offers will be made.

1. **What is the selection process?**
* You must complete the official application form in full. If you do not complete the application form in full your application may not be submitted to the selection board for consideration and subsequent interview (if applicable).
* A selection board of Managers will assess your application form against the eligibility criteria to see how your qualifications, individual experience and skills match the needs of the post. Short listing may also take place based on the requirements of the posts.
* The criteria for the selection exercise are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the job specification. Therefore it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements.
* Any applicant who did not meet the eligibility or short listing criteria will be informed of that decision and the reason why.
* Candidates who have demonstrated the requisite qualifications, skills and experience will be called to interview. There may be a number of stages, a ranking exercise may take place. A ranking exercise is an assessment that may be carried out on the basis of information supplied in your application form. The criteria for ranking are based on the requirements of the post as outlined in the eligibility criteria and skills, competencies and/or knowledge section of the job specification. Therefore it is very important that you think about your experience in light of those requirements. Those successful at the ranking stage of this process (where applied) will be placed on an order of merit and will be called to interview in ‘bands’ depending on the service needs of the organisation.
* Competency-based interviews may be held on a phased basis, inviting candidates to interview based on the position held in the ranking exercise.
* Marking System within the interview **-** Candidates are given marks for skill areas during the interview. These elements are clearly indicated in the Application Form. Where candidates score the same marks a further ranking process will apply. A previously agreed skill area of the interview will be chosen to further rank successful candidates e.g. Karen and Mary are both successful at interview. They both score 421 at interview, which would place them at joint number 3 on the panel. If Professional Knowledge has been the secondary ranking area chosen then the candidate who has scored higher in this area will receive the first job offer. Karen scored 69 in the Professional Knowledge element and Mary scored 68. Karen will be number 3 a. on the panel and Mary will be number 3 b. on the panel. Where candidates have the same mark on the secondary ranking, an additional ranking will be applied and so forth. Please note in order to be deemed successful at interview you must be awarded a minimum score of 40 for each competency area.
* Candidates who are successful at interview will be placed on a panel in order of merit.
* We will offer the posts to the candidates with the highest scores on the panel.
* If a candidate declines the post we will offer it to the next highest scoring candidate etc.
* We would like to highlight to you that interviews form a part of the selection process. Saolta University Health Care Group reserves the right to remove candidates from specific recruitment panels and retract job offers if satisfactory clearances (e.g. past /current employment references, security clearances) cannot be obtained or are unsatisfactory. All previous employers may be contacted for reference purposes. Please note we may retract a job offer if sufficient satisfactory references cannot be obtained in a time frame congruent with service need. The Saolta Group reserves the right to retract a job offer should the successful candidate be unable to fulfil the provisions / criteria of the specific post in line with service need.

**Future panels**

Please note that candidates successful at interview and placed on panels formed through this campaign may not be considered as applicants for any supplementary campaigns to add to this panel.

Please note we reserve the right to contact all available successful candidates in the event that panels are exhausted. We reserve the right to extend the life of the panel to fill specified purpose and / or permanent vacancies that may arise. We may modify panel management rules in line with service need during the life time of the panel and will notify all remaining candidates of any changes.

1. **Acceptance / Refusal of Job Offers**

The time lines and panel management rules (i.e. how posts are offered) for each individual post will be included in the email communication sent to you for each individual post which arises and is relevant to your order of merit on the panel.

Please see Appendix 5 for a full outline of the panel management rules.

1. **Campaign Time Scales**

Closing date for this Staff Nurse (General) campaign is: **31st October 2017 at 4pm**

It is anticipated that interviews will be scheduled every 2 weeks. Skype interviews are also available should your reside abroad

1. **Interview Locations**

Interviews will be scheduled locally, where possible. .

If you are invited to interview you will receive an email detailing what documentation is required to be presented at interview. Please see Appendix 6 which details the documentation needed at interview stage.

1. **Security Clearance**

All applicants will need to apply for a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau. This process will be initiated by this office for the confirmed successful candidate recommended for the post.

All appointments will require satisfactory security clearances. If you lived in any country for 6 months or more other than the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland you will be required to provide security clearance for each jurisdiction in which you have resided. Your security clearance must be dated AFTER you left that country and cover the entire period of your residence. Seeking security clearances from other countries (e.g. UK, USA etc) are the responsibility of the candidate. It is a process which can take an amount of time. Therefore if you are interested in pursuing a career within Saolta University Health Care Group we would strongly advise that you commence seeking international security clearances now. Please see Appendix 3 for more information on international clearances.

Please note if you require overseas security clearance and are unable to produce it at the time of job offer then the job offer may be withdrawn.

1. **Appeal Procedures**

Appointments are made under a recruitment license and are subject to Code of Practice established by the Commission for Public Service Appointments (CPSA). The Code of Practice provides that candidates may make a request for review (see section 7 of the Code) OR make a complaint (see Section 8 of the Code) of any part of the appointment process that they feel is unfair or has been applied unfairly to them. These two forms of review procedure are mutually exclusive.

Before submitting a request for review candidates should determine which procedure is appropriate to their particular circumstances.

The procedures allow for matters to be resolved on an informal basis and candidates are advised to avail of the informal process before making use of the formal review procedure. Candidates should in the first instance make an informal appeal to the Group Recruitment & Retention Office, Room 53, 1st Floor, Clinical & Administration Building Block A, Merlin Park University Hospital. Please note that informal appeals prior to interview must be submitted within 2 working days of receipt of a decision. Informal appeals after interview must be submitted within 5 working days of notification of a decision.

**We encourage you to visit** [**www.cpsa.ie**](http://www.cpsa.ie) **for further information on the code of practice and informal and formal review procedures.**

**Appendix 1**

**Suitably Qualified Candidates:**

**Each candidate must, at the latest date for receipt of completed applications for the post:**

**1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc**

* Be registered in the General Division of the Register of Nurses kept by Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland)

**And**

* Have the clinical and administrative capacity to properly discharge the functions of the role

**2. Age**

Age restrictions shall only apply to a candidate where he/she is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation Act, 2004). A candidate who is not classified as a new entrant must be under 65 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs.

**3. Health**

A candidate for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

**4. Character**

Each candidate for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

**Restrictions to eligibility**

Persons who availed of the Incentivised Scheme for Early Retirement in the public service or the Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme or Voluntary Redundancy Scheme in the Public Health Sector are not eligible to apply for the position in line with the terms and conditions of these schemes.

*Please note that appointment to and continuation in posts that require statutory registration is dependent upon the post holder maintaining annual registration in the relevant division of the register maintained by Bord Altranais agus Cnáimhseachais na hÉireann (Nursing and Midwifery Board Ireland)*

**Post Specific Requirements**

To be detailed at job offer stage.

**Appendix 2**

(i) **EEA Nationals**

EEA nationals who do not require work permits / visas / authorizations are nationals of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Romania.

(ii) **NON-EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA APPLICANTS WHO RESIDE WITHIN THE STATE.**

In order that we can process your application it will be necessary for you to submit the following scanned documentation:

A scanned copy of your passport showing your identification i.e. the first page of your passport showing your photograph and personal details and current immigration stamp showing you have permission to be in this State.

**And**

A scanned copy of your current Certificate of Registration (GNIB card) showing Stamp 1, Stamp 4/ 4EUfam, Stamp 5

**Or**

A scanned copy of your current Certificate of Registration (GNIB card) showing Stamp 3 and scanned copies of the following:

* Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate

**And**

* Spouse’s passport showing their identification and current immigration stamp **and** their current GNIB card showing Stamp 1, 4 or 5

**Or**

* If your spouse holds a Stamp 2 for the purposes of **PhD study**, please include a copy of their passport showing their identification and immigration stamp **and** their current GNIB card showing Stamp 2 **and** documentary evidence from the relevant educational institution showing that they are a **PhD** student.

***Applications that are not accompanied by the above documents where necessary will be considered incomplete and will not be processed any further.***

This means that your application will not be submitted for the ranking exercise and subsequent invitation to interview.

For more details on EEA countries please see visit the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation website [www.djei.ie](http://www.djei.ie)

**Please note:**

Saolta University Health Care Group welcomes applications from suitably qualified Non-EEA Nationals that have refugee status. We would be grateful if such applicants would provide documentary evidence confirming their status.

**Appendix 3**

All appointments will require satisfactory security clearances. Please note if you require overseas security clearance and are unable to produce it at the time of job offer then the job offer may be withdrawn.

If you lived in any country for 6 months or more other than the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland you will be required to provide security clearance for each jurisdiction in which you have resided. Your security clearance must be dated AFTER you left that country and cover the entire period of your residence. Seeking security clearances from other countries (e.g. UK, USA etc) are the responsibility of the candidate. It is a process which can take an amount of time. Therefore if you are interested in pursuing a career within Saolta University Health Care Group we would strongly advise that you commence seeking international security clearances now.

All applicants will need to apply for a vetting disclosure from the National Vetting Bureau. This process will be initiated by this office for the confirmed successful candidate recommended for the post.

If you have resided in countries outside of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland for a period of 6 months or more, it will be mandatory for you to furnish this department with a Police Clearance Certificate from those countries stating that you have no convictions recorded against you while residing there. You will need to provide a separate Police Clearance Certificate for each country you have resided in. Clearance must be dated after the date you left the country/countries.

Note: Candidates who studied outside of Ireland e.g. in the UK, please pay particular attention to this. You will require UK disclosure to cover the entire period you were in the UK. Clearance must be dated **after** you left the UK.

The following websites may be of assistance to you in this regard:

**United Kingdom**

London:

<http://content.met.police.uk/Site/infomationaboutyourself>

[Metropolitan Police Service - Your right to information](http://www.met.police.uk/information/)

[www.disclosurescotland.co.uk](http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk)

<http://www.south-wales.police.uk/more-about-us/your-right-to-information/data-protection/>

[www.north-wales.police.uk](http://www.north-wales.police.uk)

The <http://www.police.uk/forces/> website will provide you with a link to each police force site in the UK. Click on the relevant force covering the area where you resided. A search under Data Protection or Data Access Request or Subject Access Request will bring you to the relevant section of that Police Forces website.

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/working/finding-job> (This website will provide you with a list of registered agencies to contact in the UK who may process your request for UK clearance with the Criminal Records Bureau).

**Australia**

[www.afp.gov.au](http://www.afp.gov.au) This website will provide you with information on obtaining a national police clearance certificate for Australia

**New Zealand**

[www.courts.govt.nz](http://www.courts.govt.nz) This website will provide you with information on obtaining police clearance in New Zealand.

**United States of America**

Please note thatvalid Security/Overseas Clearance from the USAmust be obtained from the **FBI** **only,**

**https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks**

FBI Clearance is valid for all of the United States and convictions / remarks occurring anywhere in the United States would be noted. Individual US State Clearance (e.g., New York State Clearance) is not acceptable as it is valid for that State alone and convictions / remarks occurring in other States may or may not be noted.

**Other Countries**

For other countries not listed above you may find it helpful to contact the relevant embassies who could provide you with information on seeking Police Clearance.

Candidates please do not send us your overseas clearance or any other documentation unless we request it from you. Candidates who receive job offers will have 5 working days in which to produce the required documentation; otherwise the job offer will be withdrawn.

When requested, a copy of your overseas Clearance will be retained on file and the original returned to you by post.

**Note: Any costs incurred in this process will be borne by the candidate**

**Appendix 4**

**Candidates who CANNOT APPLY**

Applications received from candidates who fall under the below categories will not be processed further in the selection process; this means that you will not be invited to interview.

**Persons in receipt of a pension from specified Superannuation Schemes**

Former Health Service and Public Sector Employees must adhere to the relevant prohibition of re-employment provisions where they have previously availed of a Public Service Voluntary Early Retirement or Ill Health Retirement Pension from any of the following Pension schemes:

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| * Local Government Superannuation Scheme (LGSS)
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| * Health Service Executive Employee Superannuation Scheme
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| * Voluntary Hospitals Superannuation Scheme (VHSS Officers/Non Officers)
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| * Nominated Health Agencies Superannuation Scheme (NHASS)
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| * Other Public Service Superannuation Scheme

Among the Voluntary Early Retirement Schemes referred to above are the following:* Incentivised Scheme of Early Retirement (ISER)
* Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme 2010 (VER)
* Voluntary Redundancy Scheme 2010 (VRS)
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Prospective candidates must satisfy themselves as to their eligibility to be employed by Saolta University Health Care Group before applying/competing for posts to be filled through this recruitment campaign.

**Abatement of Pension (Section 52 of Public Service Pensions Act 2012)**

Where a person who is in receipt of a Public Service Pension (e.g. retired on voluntary age grounds) is subsequently appointed to another Public Service post, the Abatement of Pension Regulations apply. This means that in a situation where the total of a persons pension combined with their salary from their new post, exceeds the uprated (current) salary of the position from which they retired, his/her pension is reduced by any such excess amount. This provision applies irrespective of whether the relevant pension was accrued in the same Pension Scheme which applies to the new appointment, or in another Public Service Pension Scheme.

**Appendix 5**

**Panel Management Rules**

In this appendix we outline how individual posts are notified to candidates who are successful at interview and are placed on the recruitment panel in order of merit. The time lines and panel management rules for each individual post will be included in the email communication sent to you for each individual post which arises and is relevant to your order of merit on the panel.

**Frequently used terms:**

**Expression of Interest:** An expression of interest simply means that you indicate that you would be interested in this job should it be offered to you.

**Formal Job Offer**: You are formally offered the job i.e. if you accept the formal job offer you will move to the next stage of the selection process- reference checking, occupational health clearance etc.

**Order of Merit**: The order of merit is initially decided by your score achieved at assessment/ interview i.e. candidates are listed in order determined by their score, the highest score achieved is no.1 on the panel, the second highest score is no.2 etc.

**Permanent Whole Time Posts**

You will have 3 days in which to express an interest in a permanent post. You will be made aware of this by e-mail which will outline the details of the post and the last date by which you may express an interest. You will also receive a description of the post / service as well as contact details for the Service Manager to discuss the service / department. We strongly recommend that you do so.

We may notify more than one candidate, in order of merit that a permanent post has arisen. This notification invites an expression of interest in a post and should not be considered an offer. The candidate who expresses an interest in the post and is highest in order of merit will be offered the post. Candidates who do not express an interest or who reject a post when formally offered **will not** be moved on the panel and their ranking on the panel will not change. If a candidate is not interested in a post they do not need to take any action and can ignore the job notification. It is most important for candidates not to express interest in posts that there is little chance they would accept if offered as this can cause large UNNECESSARY delays in the filling of posts and thus the provision of services.

**Candidates who formally accept a post and subsequently decline the post will be removed from panel completely.**

**Candidates who formally accept a permanent post will no longer be eligible for any further expressions of interest / job offers, and will be removed from the panel on their appointment.**

Please note that candidates successful at interview and placed on the panel formed through this campaign will not be considered as applicants for any supplementary campaigns to add to this panel. This applies if you are still active on the panel, if you have accepted a permanent post from the panel or if you have been appointed permanently from the panel. *(Panel members who have accepted a specified purpose contract are considered active panel members)*

++ Where Service need requires **the time span in which to express interest may be less than 3 days**. The time span and deadline for expressing interest will be clearly indicated on your text alert and in the expression of interest email. **We strongly advise candidates to pay due attention to expiry times.**

**Permanent Part Time Posts**

Vacancies may arise that constitute less than one full time post (i.e. less than one full working week). Where possible we will endeavour to merge vacancies together in order to create a full time post. If this is not possible we will offer the part time post to candidates in order of merit. Permanent part time posts will be communicated to candidates in the same manner as permanent whole time posts.

Candidates who do not express an interest or who reject a post when formally offered **will not** be moved on the panel and their ranking on the panel will not change. If a candidate is not interested in a post they do not need to take any action and can ignore the job notification email. It is most important for candidates not to express interest in posts that there is little chance they would accept if offered as this can cause large UNNECESSARY delays in the filling of posts and thus the provision of services.

**Candidates who formally accept a post and subsequently decline the post will be removed completely from the panel.**

Candidates who accept a permanent post will no longer be eligible for any further expressions of interest / job offers, and will be removed from the panel on their appointment.

Please note that candidates successful at interview and placed on the panel formed through this campaign will not be considered as applicants for any supplementary campaigns to add to this panel. This applies if you are still active on the panel, if you have accepted a permanent post from the panel or if you have been appointed permanently from the panel. *(Panel members who have accepted a specified purpose contract are considered active panel members)*

**Specified Purpose Whole Time or Part Time Job Offers**

You will have 48\* hours in which to express an interest in a specified purpose post. You will be made aware of this by e-mail outlining the details of the post and the time by which you may express an interest in the job. You will also receive a description of the post / service and contact details for the Service Manager to discuss the service / department if you wish to do so.

We may notify more than one candidate, in order of merit that a specified purpose post has arisen. This notification invites an expression of interest in a post and should not be considered an offer. The candidate who expresses an interest in the post and is highest in order of merit will be offered the post. Candidates who do not express an interest or who reject a post when formally offered **will not** be moved on the panel and their ranking on the panel will not change. If a candidate is not interested in a post they do not need to take any action and can ignore the job notification text and email. It is most important for candidates not to express interest in posts that there is little chance they would accept if offered as this can cause large UNNECESSARY delays in the filling of posts and thus the provision of services.

\*Where service need requires **the time span in which to express interest may be less than 48 hours**. The time span and deadline for expressing interest will be clearly indicated in the expression of interest email. **We strongly advise candidates to pay due attention to expiry times**.

Candidates, who accept a specified purpose post will not receive any further expressions of interest / job offers for specified purpose posts, and will be classified as “dormant”. This means that you will not be contacted regarding any further specified purpose posts, which arise unless you notify this office. At any time, after you take up duty should you be about to become available for specified purpose work again, you can contact this office, who will immediately reactivate your status on the panel confirming your availability for specified purpose posts.

Candidates who take up specified purpose positions will not forfeit their ranking on the permanent panel. Candidates who do not take up or express an interest in specified purpose vacancies will not forfeit their ranking on the panel.

Regardless of whether a candidate’s status on the panel is dormant (due to accepting a specified purpose post) or active, it will not affect in any way expressions of interest / job offers for permanent positions.

Interviews form a part of the selection process. We reserve the right to remove candidates from specific recruitment panels and retract job offers if satisfactory clearances (e.g. past /current employment references, security clearances) cannot be obtained or are unsatisfactory.

Note on References: We must be satisfied that it has a full and comprehensive suite of references which assures it that the applicant’s past performance and behaviours are appropriate to the post. We determine the merit, appropriateness and relevance of references. Please note we may retract a job offer if sufficient satisfactory references cannot be obtained in a time frame congruent with service need.

We reserve the right to retract a job offer should the successful candidate be unable to fulfil the provisions / criteria of the specific post in line with service need.

**Appendix 6**

If you are invited to interview you will receive an email detailing what documentation is required to be presented at interview

You will also be required to produce the following documentation:

* On the day of your interview you will be required to produce **a form of photographic identification** i.e. drivers licence, passport or student/HSE I.D. This identification will be checked and returned to you immediately on the day. Candidates who do not bring the required documentation **will not be admitted to interview.**