



## #AllInThisTogether

The Saolta COVID-19 Experience  
Special Edition Newsletter



\*For more drawings/cards from around the hospitals, go to page 20

# Coronavirus COVID-19



## Chief Executive Officer

We have passed mid-point in what has been an extraordinary year for the health services and I want to again thank you for all you have done to deliver safe patient care in these unprecedented times. In the pages that follow you will see images and links to videos highlighting the tremendous work that has taken place across our Saolta Group of hospitals.

The last almost six months have been among the most challenging the health services in this country and indeed around the world have ever faced – it is only through the resilience and commitment of you, our front line staff that we have managed to continue to provide care to so many of our patients. It is important you all acknowledge, to yourselves and to your colleagues, the incredible service that healthcare workers have provided. We are gradually restoring our services many of which we will deliver in different ways as we continue to live with COVID-19 and we are continuing to work to put plans in place to help us deal with the challenges that the winter ahead will present.



Tony Canavan, CEO

## Chief Operations Officer

We have been delivering care to our patients across the Saolta Group in the context of COVID-19 for almost five months now. It has been a really challenging time for everyone and I want to again acknowledge the amazing commitment of you all, in what have been very difficult circumstances.

We are now working to resume services which may have been ceased or restricted in the last number of months and I want to thank you for your support in getting our services back up and running albeit it with Covid continuing to impact on the level of services we can deliver. We will be operating in a very different environment but I know each of you remain dedicated to doing the very best for our patients.



Ann Cosgrove, COO

In the following pages you will see photos of many of the teams who worked so hard across the Saolta Group of hospitals as we managed COVID-19. You can also click on the links in the newsletter to see and hear from many of your colleagues. Of course this is only a representation of the many staff who work in the Group's hospitals but it does help give a sense of the scope and breadth of the care we provide.

One of our hospitals (GUH) has been chosen to collaborate with the HPSC in planning a study looking at Covid seroprevalence in healthcare workers. If this is successful we will be offering Covid serology testing to GUH employees in the Autumn as part of a clinical study.

Finally I would urge you all to try to take some time off over the coming months for some well earned rest and to re-energise for the coming winter.

## Chief Director of Nursing and Midwifery

The World Health Organisation declared 2020 the International Year of the Nurse/Midwife and it was also the bicentenary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. There were many plans to celebrate and acknowledge the contribution of Nurses and Midwives to healthcare but due to the pandemic those celebrations were understandably put on hold.

All of our staff members clinical and non-clinical have worked tirelessly and selflessly since the beginning of March to manage the health crisis caused by COVID-19. The response from everyone was overwhelming. People not only changed the way they worked, they took on extra responsibilities and they also volunteered to work in the community.

There was a heightened awareness among staff that patients were feeling isolated and frightened and there are many stories of the lengths staff went to, to comfort patients and their families during this time.

Everyone should feel very proud of the role they played during the pandemic.

I am retiring in August and I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for supporting each other and advocating to keep our patients at the center of what we do.



Jean Kelly, I/CDONM





# Saolta Tweets

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#covid19fighter Maureen Murray, Domestic Services, Letterkenny University Hospital #LUH.

To help protect yourself and stop the spread of #coronavirus wash your hands regularly.

Let's work together to #flatterthecurve



Seán Murphy and 8 others  
10:50 AM · Mar 20, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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#covid19fighter Richard Sykes, Chief Pharmacist, Portiuncula University Hospital #PUH ensuring there are continued supplies of medicines for patients during #COVID19



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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

Frontline support staff at #RUH working through #COVID19  
#PhysicalDistancing #WeAreAllInThisTogether



Roscommon Herald and 8 others  
11:56 AM · Apr 7, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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Staff at #MUH upskilling to care for patients in HDU as part of the hospital's preparations for #COVID2019.  
@WesternPeople @MayoAdvert @thecontel @themayonews; @radiomidwest @CRC1029fm



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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

Our #SUH #Lab team working hard during #COVID2019  
#OurStaff #saoltaheroes



Sligo Weekender and 7 others  
7:55 PM · Apr 13, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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24 Retweets and comments 74 Likes

**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

Staff from across #UHG ensuring continuity of patient care is still foremost during #COVID19Pandemic.

#StayAtHomeSaveLives 🇮🇪 #InThisTogether



Galway Advertiser and 9 others  
1:15 PM · Apr 28, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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22 Retweets and comments 72 Likes

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Some of our amazing staff from #PUH working through #COVID19. #HealthCareHeros #OurStaff @westmeathindo @CTribune



Westmeath Topic and 9 others  
10:54 AM · Apr 9, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

Do your part to slow the spread of the #coronavirus. Support our #UHG #covid19fighters and let's #FlattenTheCurve together. #HelpUsToHelpYou

Enda Cunningham @endacunningham · Mar 27  
"WE STAY HERE FOR YOU. PLEASE STAY AT HOME FOR US."

A plea from the nurses and doctors in the Emergency Department at @saoltagroup University Hospital Galway.



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'Help Us To Help You' - please follow public health advice to #StopTheSpread #coronavirus #itsinourhands

#WashYourHands 🧼  
#coughetiquette  
#DONTtouchYOURface  
#SocialDistancing  
#DontShakeHands  
#StayHome 🇮🇪

#covid19fighters #ICU #UHG



HSE Ireland and 9 others  
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# Saolta Tweets

**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

@galwayad - Frontline heroes -Staff from the Orthopaedic Outpatients and Physiotherapy Departments in Merlin Park University Hospital #MPUH. #COVID19ireland

**On the day when this is over**

6:57 PM · Apr 2, 2020 · Twitter Web App

18 Retweets and comments 86 Likes

**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

Well done to all in #PUH. Great work done over the last number of weeks. #workingtogether during #COVID19ireland to keep #patients & #staff #safe.

Charlotte Carter @CharlieCarter7 · May 15  
A little gift for Michael towey and Medical physics team, David Walker and his maintenance team and Mary McNally and the stores team. We can't thank you enough for the long hours put in to our ICU renovations to keep us and our community safe ❤️ @PortiunculaHosp @saoltagroup

3:58 PM · May 15, 2020 · Twitter Web App

17 Likes

**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

Thank you to Anthony Cahill and staff of Cahill's SuperValu in Castlereagh who kindly donated 500 surgical masks to Roscommon University Hospital #RUH #CommunitySupport #workingtogether #covid19 @JamesFogarty83 @RoscommonDaily

8:26 PM · Mar 30, 2020 · Twitter Web App

6 Retweets 59 Likes

**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

Many thanks to Natasha Connolly @tashy200 and her family for the generous donation to the ICU staff working in #SUH. #communitysupport #Covid19ireland

11:12 AM · May 20, 2020 · Twitter Web App

7 Retweets and comments 22 Likes

**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

Sincere thanks to @Keoghfarm for looking after all the staff in #OLHM with boxes of their lovely crisps and for thinking of them during this difficult time #COVID19 #AllInThisTogether

5:33 PM · May 6, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

First day of Heart Failure Clinics at #LUH now using Attend Anywhere, one of the new ways of working using virtual consultations to ensure patients living with heart failure continue to get support and follow up. Congratulations to all involved. @Siobhan36410120

4:10 PM · May 28, 2020 · Twitter Web App

12 Retweets and comments 47 Likes

**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

First-in-man clinical trial at #GUH for a sensor which detects changes in the health of patients with heart failure and securely transmits the information to the care team for review. Supporting patients to avoid hospital during COVID-19 pandemic.

12:15 PM · Jun 2, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

#MUH are inviting family and friends of patients in the hospital to email a letter, photo or video to their loved one to as part of the 'Sending Love' initiative to keep patients and families connected during this time #COVID19

For more information [bit.ly/2XAaiqN](https://bit.ly/2XAaiqN)

10:43 AM · Jun 5, 2020 · Twitter Web App

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup

On behalf of the Medical Social Work Department and #UHG, thank you to Penney's Galway and store manager Darren Hoare who donated and delivered care packs today to support our patients in need. #Community #support #ThankYou 🙏

8:20 PM · Apr 15, 2020 · Twitter Web App

31 Retweets and comments 186 Likes

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# Saolta Videos

**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · Mar 27

Consultant Anaesthetist in ICU at #SUH, Dr Omar Tujar advises on the importance of following @HSELive advice to #ProtectYourselfAndOthers from #coronavirus #HelpUsToHelpYou #covid19fighter @EileenMagnier @sligoweekender @SligoChampion @LeitrimLive @OceanFmireland @EMedSligo



Dr Omar Tujar, Consultant Anaesthetist, ICU

consultants here in Sligo University Hospital and I look after

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · Apr 6

Consultant Surgeon Mr Liam McMullin #RUH on the importance of staying at home and cocooning, particularly those over 70 and those who have a severe underlying illness. #COVID19

@RoscommonHerald @RoscommonPeople @RoscommonDaily @shannonsideneews @DrMartinDaly @HSELive @RCSI



Mr Liam McMullin, Consultant Surgeon

Hello my name is Liam McMullin, I'm a consultant surgeon at

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · Apr 8

Ann Cosgrove, COO @saoltagroup, "We've received huge support from the community, neighbouring organisations, voluntary organisations & we really appreciate the support." @nuigalway @GMIOfficial @cancercareswest @GalwayCityCo @GalwayCoCo @AmbulanceNAS @CroiHeartStroke @CHO2west



Ann Cosgrove, Chief Operations Officer, Saolta Group

Hello my name is Ann Cosgrove, I'm the Chief Operations Officer

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · Apr 24

Charlotte Carter, Clinical Nurse Manager, ICU #PUH, "Here in the ICU we're seeing numbers a lot less than we expected. This is because people at home are adhering to the guidelines. We appreciate everything that you're doing & we really need you to keep up the good work."



Charlotte Carter, Clinical Nurse Manager, ICU

As part of the pandemic preparations here for Portlinculla

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · Apr 28

Áine Ní Chonchubhair, Comhairleoir Ainéistéise #PUH, "Tá cúnaimh uainn i gcónaí ón bpobal le haghaidh srian a chur ar an #Coronavirus. Mar sin tá muid ag iarraidh ar an bpobal leanacht orthu leis na rudaí atá siad ag déanamh cheana féin." @RTERnaG @neacht @NuachtTG4 @NuachtRTE



Áine Ní Chonchubhair, Comhairleoir Ainéistéise

Is mise Áine Ní Chonchubhair, Comhairleoir Ainéistéise san

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · May 2

Thank you to everyone but in particular to all the children who have taken the time out to send in beautiful messages, postcards and drawings. It has been so uplifting for both patients and staff. Thank you 🙌 #UHG #heartwarming ❤️ #grateful 🙏 #AllInThisTogether



Chris Kane, General Manager, Galway University Hospitals

Hi everybody, my name is Chris Kane, General Manager

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# Saolta Videos

**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · May 11

Our Neonatal Unit in #UHG introduced @vCreate which allows staff to securely send videos and updates to families, including Karen and Michael who connected with their daughter Riona, born at just 28 weeks. #TogetherApart #caringforeachother



Dr Ethel Ryan, Neonatal Consultant

Consultants here in our neonatal unit in University Hospital

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · May 19

Occupational Therapists are dual trained in physical and mental health. Here in #UHG our #OT staff are helping to make our patients' hospital stay as comfortable as possible. @AOTInews @CORUIreland @OTNUIGalway @kirrabrean @HSELive @SimonHarrisTD



Ciara Breen, Occupational Therapy Manager, GUH


Hello, my name is Ciara Breen and I'm the manager of the Occupational Therapy Department

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · May 26

"The way our staff have responded in the needs of patients has been really incredible". Tony Canavan, CEO @saoltagroup acknowledges the work of staff in the fight against #Covid19 & asks us all to #HoldFirm & continue to adhere to the public health measures. #AllInThisTogether



Tony Canavan, CEO, Saolta Group

When I look back over the last few months, it's really incredible

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · May 28

Mr Peter O'Rourke, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon #LUH advises, "We have to stay safe and hopefully in the coming months we'll be able to get back to something approaching the normality that we all knew before COVID." #HoldFirm #StayHome



Mr Peter O'Rourke, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon

My name is Peter O'Rourke, I'm an Orthopaedic Surgeon in

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · Jun 12

'An incredible journey for an incredible lady'.

Gail Lafferty from County Donegal was admitted to Sligo University Hospital #SUH last March with #COVID19

Gail spent 71 days in hospital.

Here is her remarkable story 🍷❤️🌈



Gail Lafferty

Well, I didn't realise, but I had COVID-19 and I think before the

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**saoltagroup** @saoltagroup · Jun 16

"Over the past twenty years, it's been my great privilege and honour to look after the surgical needs of the people of Co. Mayo, together with my colleagues here at the hospital." Prof Kevin Barry on the resumption of elective surgical services at Mayo University Hospital #MUH.



Prof Kevin Barry, Consultant General Surgeon

My name is Professor Kevin Barry, I'm a Consultant General

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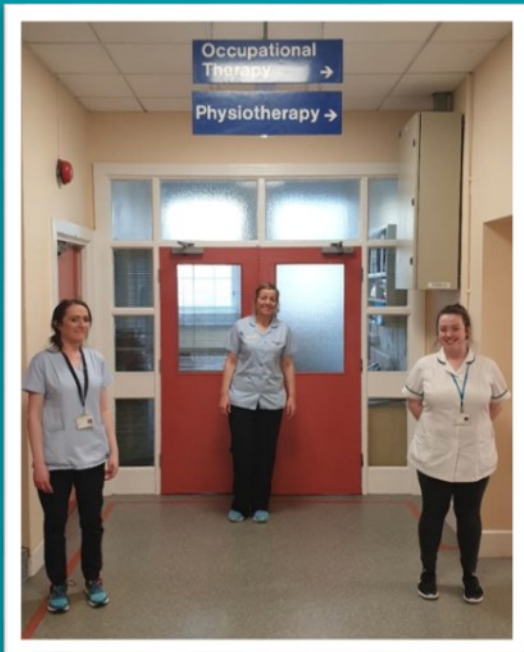
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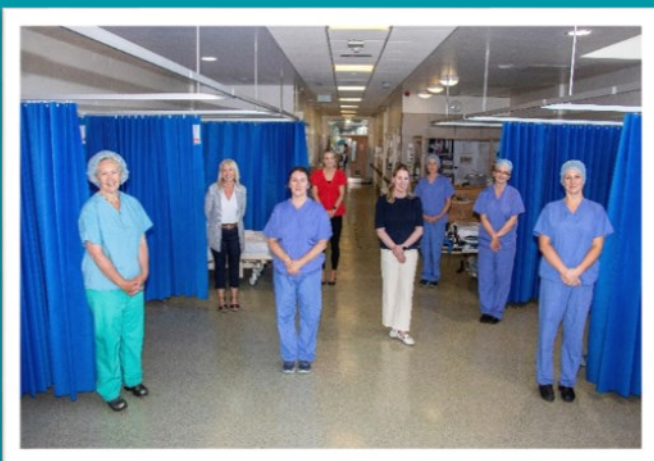
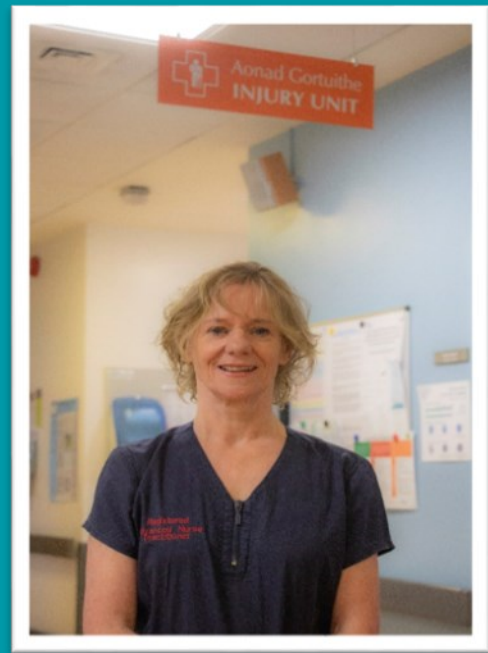


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## Letterkenny University Hospital

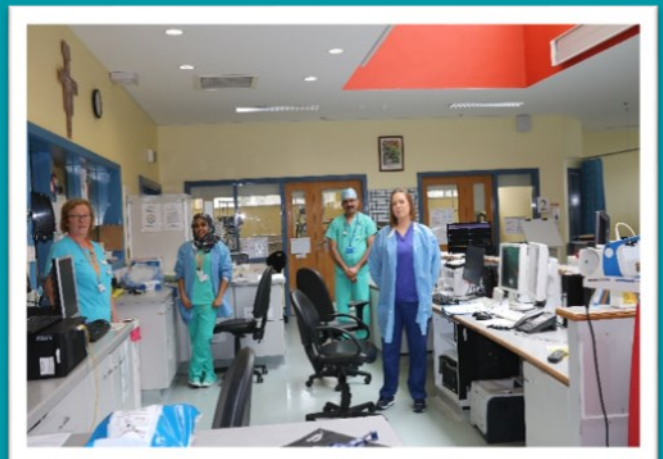
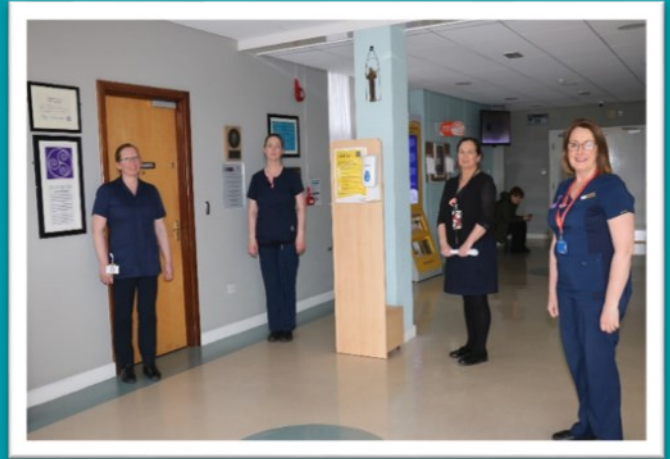


# Roscommon University Hospital

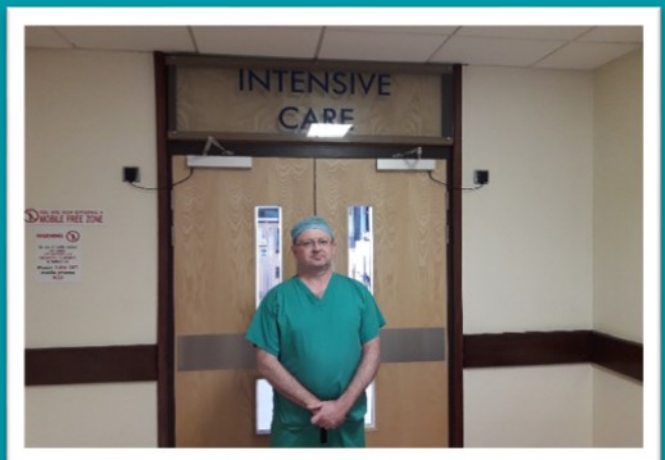
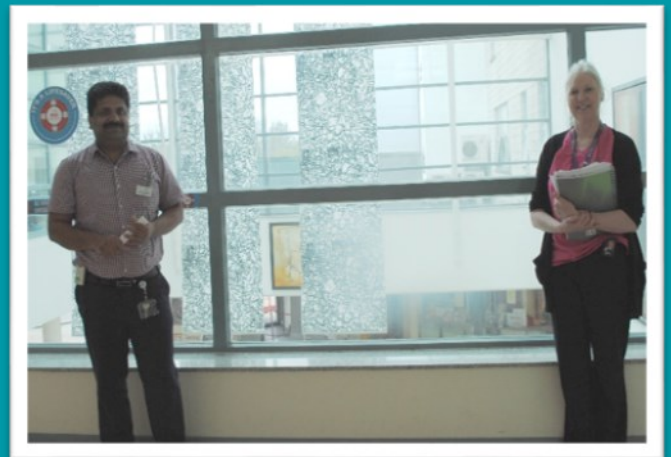




# Portiuncula University Hospital

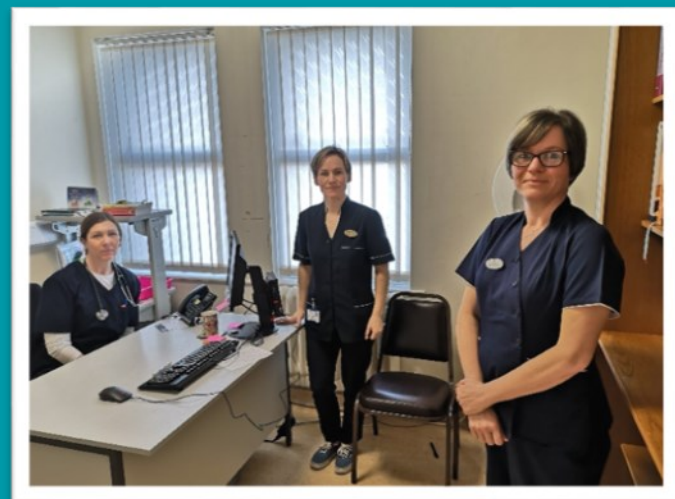
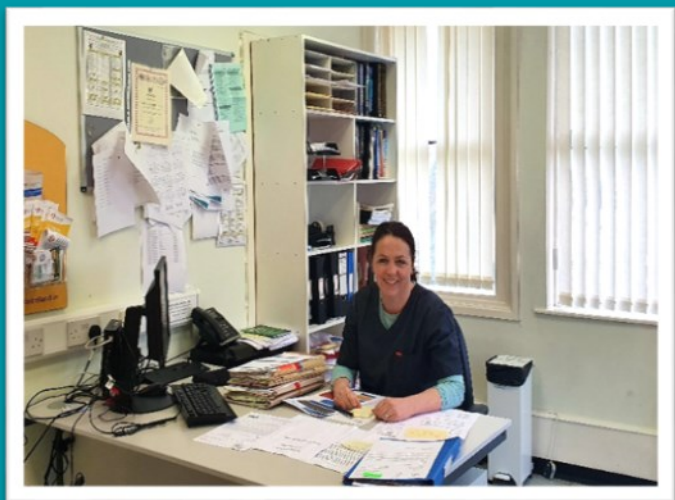


# Mayo University Hospital

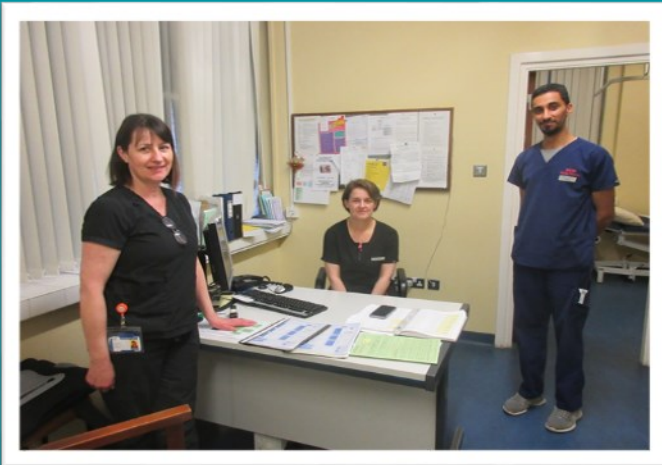




# Our Lady's Hospital Manorhamilton



# Sligo University Hospital





# Galway University Hospitals



# Galway University Hospitals





## 100 days of COVID-19 testing at LUH



April Boyle, Leanne Sheridan and Lee Monaghan.



Philomena Harkin and Susan Mc Gee.

On June 26, the Laboratory at Letterkenny University Hospital marked 100 days of COVID-19 testing with almost 6,200 samples tested and results currently being reported within 24 hours of receipt. The laboratory is carrying out testing on swabs taken from patients in the hospital, staff from the hospital and HSE community staff, as well as testing samples taken from members of the public referred to community testing hubs by their GPs in County Donegal. For more details click [here](#)

## Plastic Surgery Team in Roscommon using 'Photo Triage'



Ms Deirdre Jones, Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon.



Ms Deirdre Jones, Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon; Imelda Wynne, Clerical Officer; Caroline Webb, Acting CNM2; Laura Beirne, Clerical Officer; Rachel O'Donnell, Clerical Officer; Bernie McTeague, Senior Staff Nurse; Bernie Finneran, RANP, Plastic Surgery and Skin Cancer; and Amanda O'Halloran, RANP, Plastic Surgery.

The Plastic Surgery Department at Roscommon University Hospital has been using a 'photo triage' process to identify patients who require an urgent consultation, to replace face-to-face consultations during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details click [here](#)



## Virtual Outpatient Clinics take place at MUH



Prof Paul O'Grady, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon



Sarah Dunne, Physiotherapist

In response to the COVID outbreak, the Orthopaedic and Physiotherapy teams at MUH developed virtual clinics to assess patients with fractures who could be managed remotely. The clinics have minimised hospital visits for hundreds of patients, keeping them safe at home as much as possible. Click [here](#) for article and video

## 'Thinking of You' and Maternal Wellbeing Initiatives at SUH



Delivering the first letter from a relative to a patient through the 'Thinking of You' initiative, from left: Marian Ryder, Director of Nursing; Grainne McCann, General Manager and Linda Foley, Consumer Services Officer.



The memory keepsake cards

The Consumer Services Department introduced the 'Thinking of You' initiative for family and friends of patients to keep in contact during visiting restrictions. For more details click [here](#). In May the hospital introduced two new maternal wellbeing initiatives to support new mothers and mothers-to-be in the hospital including a memory keepsake card to celebrate the birth with mothers while they were in the hospital and colouring sheets and pencils for mindfulness. For more details click [here](#)





# ICU FamilyLink connecting families and patients in GUH



ICU staff from left: Maura Lyons, Critical Care Audit Nurse; Leonie Cullen, CNM2 and Teresa Finnerty, CNM2



Frank Kirrane, Medical Physical and Clinical Engineering Dept and Leonie Cullen, CNM2.

In April, UHG introduced a new video call system known as ICU FamilyLink which enables families, patients and the clinical teams providing care during COVID-19 to make contact. The system was designed to be as easy as possible for the nurse caring for the patient to use safely and securely, with high quality video image and sound. For more details click [here](#)

## Patient who was 81 days in ICU discharged from PUH



Rose Mannion



Robbie Fox, Physio Assistant and Eimear Griffin, Senior Respiratory Physiotherapist with Rose in Portiuncula University Hospital

A mother of two children and a grandmother of two, 66 year old Rose Mannion from Lorrha in North Tipperary was admitted to Portiuncula University Hospital on 28 March with COVID-19. Rose spent a total of 81 days in the Intensive Care Unit between Portiuncula University Hospital and UHG. On 26 June, after 90 days in hospital, Rose was transferred to the Intermediate Care Facility in Limerick to continue her rehabilitation journey. Click [here](#) for article and video





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Staff at St John's Ward in Portlaoine University Hospital, from left: Annie Jacob, Staff Nurse; Mary Barrett, Assistant Director of Nursing; Teresa Owens, Clinical Support; Louise Anne McGrath, Clinical Nurse Manager 2; Peter Feeney, Porter; Marie Kelly, Staff Nurse; Carmel Johnston, Clinical Nurse Manager 1; and Karin Black, Staff Nurse, on duty in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis.



Critical Care staff at Portlaoine University Hospital, from left: Dr Rachel Farragher, Consultant Anaesthetist; Dr Aine Ní Chonchubhair, Consultant Anaesthetist; Dr Vinod Sushil, Consultant Anaesthetist and Intensive Care; and Charlotte Carter, Clinical Nurse Manager, ICU who have been putting plans in place over the past number of weeks to prepare for the expected increase in patients admitted with suspected and confirmed Covid-19 infections.



Medical Scientists Sara Connor and Aoife Warda in one of the laboratories at UHG.

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BREATHING SPACE

Adhering to self-isolation staves off Covid-19 surge - for now

By Sarah Buckley

Continuation to underpin an estimated 100 to 150 Covid-19 cases in Sligo in the next few weeks.

Health officials have also confirmed that the death toll from the disease in the county could be as high as 100.

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MAMMOTH OPERATION UNDERWAY AT HOSPITAL

Round-the-clock work to complete 38-bed facility as peak of Covid-19 crisis approaches



Mr Mahon, Contracts Manager with Bill Bolton, and construction workers busy preparing the new 38-bed unit at Letterkenny. Photo: Brian Mahon.

A huge operation is underway at Letterkenny University Hospital to complete a new 38-bed Covid-19 unit.

Over 200 workers are employed on the project around the clock and it is hoped to be ready for patients by the end of next week.

"We can't hold this up as an excuse as we can anywhere else in the world," said Mr Mahon.

Construction is under way on a number of Covid-19 units in Sligo and the new unit at Letterkenny is the largest of the units.

The general manager of the hospital, Mr Mahon, said the new unit will be the largest of the units.

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While we as a people need to stay apart, we would like you to know that The Sligo Champion is with you every step of the way

A message to our readers - back page

By Keith Bourke

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It was like a bad flu: singer's bout of Covid-19

By Mary O'Connor

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Number of ICU beds to double at UHG By Mary O'Connor

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# Hospital using 'photo triage' system



Consultant plastic and reconstructive surgeon Deirdre Jones using photo triage to identify patients who require an urgent consultation.

The Plastic Surgery Department at Roscommon University Hospital is using a 'photo triage' process to identify patients who need urgent consultation, to replace face-to-face consultations during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Consultant plastic and reconstructive surgeon Deirdre Jones said: "When our 'See and Treat' skin cancer clinics were suspended due to Covid-19, we set up a new pathway to identify patients who required urgent consultation.

"By telephoning patients directly, asking them a few key questions and requesting that they email a good quality photograph of their skin lesion to a secure and dedicated email address, we have been able to photo triage over 400 patients in the past few months," Ms Jones said.

"Using this process we are able to identify patients who need to be brought in for a procedure which helps to reduce the movement of patients into the hospital.



Members of the Plastic Surgery Department at Roscommon University Hospital: Deirdre Jones, Imelda Wynne, Caroline Webb, Laura Beirne, Rachel O'Donnell, Bernice McFague, Bernice Finneran, and Amanda O'Halloran.

# AT THE COALFACE



Hospital Nurse Manager offers insight into life for frontline staff in ICU

IT'S BEEN A VERY INTENSIVE WEEK FOR THE FRONTLINE STAFF IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (ICU) AT ROSCOMMON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

# People told not to be afraid of attending MUH



Michael Coffey, consultant at Mayo University Hospital



ALL HANDS ON DECK: Staff are still working in all different areas of Mayo University Hospital and patients are being encouraged to attend appointments.

ALEXANDER consultant at Mayo University Hospital has urged people not to be afraid of attending appointments at the hospital.

"People who have symptoms of a respiratory virus should not be afraid to attend appointments at the hospital in the normal fashion with any appropriate safety measures in place," Prof Barry said.

"All of the staff are being provided with the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) to ensure they can safely attend appointments at the hospital," Prof Barry said.



You'll come through the non-Covid-19 emergency department every day of the year as normal. In the emergency department, you will be seen by a doctor who is not wearing a mask and you will be seen by a doctor who is wearing a mask.

Galway Advertiser advertisement featuring a 50th anniversary logo and contact information for the newspaper.

CAESAR STACK advertisement for SuperSubs, featuring an image of a burger and promotional text.

# Nine Covid-19 testing centres by the end of the week



Dr. Franca Lavin, Consultant in Cardiovascular Medicine at Mayo University Hospital, is pictured with staff at the new Covid-19 testing centre at the hospital.

# FEATURES

## The most testing of times for team of ninety at LUH

Long hours, retires returning to work, 'shot nerves' and a stroke of luck. These were just some of the elements of the ride played by the laboratory team at LUH at the height of the pandemic.



An Rinnóg Patholaíochta / Sothrianna Pathology Laboratories

Dr. Franca Lavin said: "This dedicated cardiac care space and additional capacity to monitor cardiac patients allows us to provide the highest level of care for our cardiac patients."

"To date 90 patients have been admitted to this new unit and have received this specialist critical care service in an increase of 12 monitored specialist cardiac beds."

"We are also recruiting many of our clinical staff who have been on leave for a number of months; these developments have increased the level of monitored beds capacity in MUH by 100 per cent."

"We want to assure our patients that we will be prioritising their safety and that of our staff as we continue to gradually increase the number of clinics and patients treated in the hospital."

"I am really proud of the efforts staff have made from all departments in making this a success, including but not limited to medical, nursing, clinical engineering and our maintenance staff."

"This unit will be supported by telemetry in the next number of weeks. This means that we will be able to take cardiac patients back from University Hospital Galway in a more timely and safe way."

"It will also mean that patients won't have to be transferred to the Intensive Care Unit for complex infusions and that this will maintain ICU capacity for critically ill patients."

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CONNACHT TRIBUNE advertisement featuring a horse racing image and the headline 'Back on the frontline'.

## Back on the frontline

Galway nurse returns to work after surviving Covid in her own hospital ICU



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## VIRTUAL CLINICS AT MANORHAMILTON HOSPITAL

Staff at Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton are working closely with Sligo University Hospital to support the preparedness planning with regard to Covid-19.

The hospital continues to support patients by means of virtual clinics and by continuing the existing infusion service. Pictured here is Dr Miriam O'Sullivan, Consultant Rheumatologist with the Day Services team (from left) Martina Mitchell, Staff Nurse; Orla Reynolds, Staff Nurse; Maria Moran, Staff Nurse; Ann Bascoulerge, Staff Nurse; Iovana Jachimczak, Staff Nurse; Maria Lynch, Clinical Nurse Manager 2 and Breege Bole, Multi Task Attendant.

PICTURE: SUPPLIED BY HOSPITAL





# Thank You!

