

Job Title & Grade	Senior Paediatric Dietitian
Campaign Reference #	103350
Closing Date	Sunday, 27 th September 2026 by 23:45 pm Irish time
Duration of Post	Specified Purpose *Panel will be created for all types of contracts
Advertisement Type	External
Specific T&C's of post	The role is 5/5. 35 hours standard working week Annual Leave: 30 days per annum Remuneration is in accordance with the salary scale approved by the Department of Health: Current salary scale with effect from 1st June 2026: Grade, Code 3395, starting at Point 1 €65,197 and rising annually in increments: €66,587 68,021 69,442 70,864 72,358 73,935 75,506 76,767.
Location of post	CHI at Crumlin and Temple Street, then moving to NCH when opens
Reporting Arrangements	This post will report to the Dietitian Manager and/ Nutrition and Dietetic Professional Lead.

Key Working Relationships	The post holder will work closely with: • Medical, nursing and multidisciplinary staff in the assigned clinical area. • Department of Nutrition and Dietetics team at CHI. • Catering and Special Feeds Unit team. • Colleagues across the CHI sites. • HSCP and MDT colleagues in other local, regional and national services as required. <i>Please note that this list is not exhaustive and key working relationships will change as the project moves from service development, construction completion, commissioning & transitioning to steady state.</i>
Purpose of the Role	To work and function as an effective member of the Nutrition and Dietetic team and the assigned clinical team, with the aim of providing expert, evidence-based nutrition and dietetic care as well as playing a key role in the development, delivery, and evaluation of such care / pathways for paediatric patients in Children's Health Ireland. <i>The successful candidate may be required to work across CHI sites and services in line with organisational requirements and the development of the new children's hospital and associated services.</i>
Principal Duties and Responsibilities	Professional Duties and Responsibilities: • The post holder will be expected to live CHI values and be child-centered, compassionate, progressive and will act with respect, excellence and integrity. Professional/Clinical • Provide evidence based clinical nutrition and dietetic service to patients referred to the Nutrition and Dietetic service in CHI, on an inpatient and outpatient basis, in accordance with best practice and service needs.

	• Work in accordance with relevant HSE, CORU and professional practice clinical governance policies, guidelines, legislation and standards to ensure a high standard of service delivery, which respects the role of other health professionals. • The post holder will be expected to abide by the code of ethics of the Irish Nutrition & Dietetic Institute (INDI)/CORU. • Develop, implement and review individualised dietetic care plans and interventions in collaboration with children, young people and their families. • Liaise with Consultants and other members of the multidisciplinary team, Special Feeds Unit and catering staff regarding the co-ordination of dietetic intervention. • Attend and participate in ward rounds and multidisciplinary team meetings to promote integrated patient care as appropriate. • Liaise with the multidisciplinary team, and dietitians in other healthcare settings as appropriate to ensure continuity and safe care of all patients. • Recognise the need for effective self-management of workload, available time and resources. • Prioritise and manage a clinical and non-clinical caseload according to the needs of the department or service, including provision of cover for colleagues during periods of leave. • Develop clinical protocols, pathways, and guidelines that are reflective of evidence-based practice. • Work collaboratively within a professional environment to achieve an integrated approach to patient care, tasks and projects in conjunction with multidisciplinary teams and acute setting colleagues and as required with primary care service providers. • Actively participate in multidisciplinary team meetings, journal club, case conferences, tutorials, multidisciplinary ward rounds and/or educational meetings as required • Work within own scope of professional competence in line with principles of best practice, professional conduct and clinical governance and understanding the limits of their practice and when to seek advice or refer to another health professional and acting accordingly. • Provide leadership to Staff Grade Dietitians through the process of professional supervision, mentoring and tutoring with a view to enabling the dietitian to identify areas for skill development. • Act as a representative of the Nutrition & Dietetic service/profession as required (at meetings, committees and project work) and advocate for the nutritional needs of children, young people and their families who use the service. • Initiate, support and participate in health promotion activities. • Promote a culture that values equality, diversity and respect in the workplace.
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	• The post holder will be expected to live CHI values and be child-centered, compassionate, progressive and will act with respect, excellence and integrity. Administrative • Manage and co-ordinate service delivery in their area of responsibility. • Prepare and maintain appropriate patient records, reports, performance indicators and statistics as required in accordance with standards of best practice, hospital guidelines and statutory legislation such as Freedom of Information Act and other relevant legislation. • Prepare data and service reports when required and engage in service planning activities in consultation with the Dietitian Manager. • Contribute to the development and oversee the implementation of information sharing protocols, audit systems, referral pathways and share care arrangements. • Compliance with CHI HR policies with respect to all types of leave, to ensure the clinical nutrition and dietetics service needs are met. • Compliance with Occupational Health and Safety regulations within the workplace. • Comply with department policies regarding clinical documentation practices. • Actively participate in the improvement and development of nutrition and dietetic services in liaison with the Dietitian Manager. Education and training • Contribute to the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics in-service programme and engage in career and personal development planning in collaboration with the Dietitian Manager and Clinical Specialist Dietitians as relevant. • Maintain standards of professional knowledge on relevant scientific research and practice through personal study and attendance at appropriate courses and conferences. • Provide leadership to new staff or staff grade Dietitians, through the process of professional supervision, mentoring and tutoring with a view to enabling the dietitian to identify areas for skill development.
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	• Manage, participate and play a key role in the practice education of student Dietitians. • Provide education, training and development in the specific clinical area and act as a resource for colleagues, other healthcare professionals and patient groups as required. • Participate in mandatory training programmes. Research, Audit and Quality Improvement • Develop and plan for future requirements and service delivery in their area of assignment and be actively involved in continuously improving the quality of the service, using audit and quality improvement methods to facilitate integrated care. • Contribute to the planning, development, implementation, audit, and evaluation of services, including the production and review of policies, guidelines, and standards. • Support quality improvement initiatives, shared care arrangements, research activity, continuing education, and the development of resources and databases for relevant service user groups. <i>The above is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently, the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to them from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office.</i>		
Specific Requirements / Exposures for this post:	Includes (tick all that apply): ☐ Driving ☐ Working at height ☒ Regular VDU work ☐ Night working ☐ Food handling ☐ Working with Ionising radiation ☐ Other (please specify): ☐ None Applicable:	Exposure to (tick all that apply): ☐ Noise (>80dBA) ☐ Cytotoxic drugs ☐ Respiratory sensitisers ☐ Vibrating equipment ☐ Other (please specify): ☐ None Applicable:	Consists of (tick all that apply): ☒ Contact with patients ☐ Patient moving and handling ☒ Inanimate moving and handling ☐ Exposure Prone Procedures (EPP) ☐ Work in Haemodialysis ☐ Work in confined spaces ☒ Other (please specify): ☐ None Applicable:

For informal enquiries for this specialty/department, please contact Catherine Carroll, Acting Dietitian Manager in Charge III:
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For other queries relating to this recruitment process, please contact Talent Acquisition Specialist Victoria Gsamelova
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PLEASE NOTE:

CHI has transitioned to a process of a one commencement day per month for all new employees and Secondments. This update to our Onboarding process is aligned to changes in our monthly/fortnightly payroll and with the corporate induction program. This process enhancement ensures that we can thoroughly prepare for your arrival and facilitate a smooth transition in your onboarding journey.

It is important for you to note that if you do not have your pre-employments and mandatory training completed in time, your commencement date will be deferred to the next available date.

Below, you'll find the list of **commencement dates for 2026 & 2027** for your information.

- 2nd November 2026 (internal only)
- 7th December 2026
- 4th January 2027
- 8th February 2027
- 8th March 2027
- 5th April 2027
- 10th May 2027
- 14th June 2027
- 5th July 2027
- 9th August 2027
- 6th September 2027

- 4th October 2027
- 1st November 2027
- 6th December 2027

Information on “Non-European Economic Area Applicants” is available from <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/>

Children’s Health Ireland is legally required to verify that all staff **have the right to work in Ireland before they begin employment**, regardless of nationality or immigration status. This right-to-work check is also necessary when an individual re-joins CHI or when their immigration permission or employment permit is due to expire.

Permit holders can change their permit employer to CHI after a period of nine months has passed since commencing their first employment permit in the State. The change of employer applies to the [General Employment Permit \(GEP\)](#) and to the [Critical Skills Employment Permit \(CSEP\)](#). The change is required to be completed as part of pre-employment clearance.

All Permits and Change of Employer applications are processed on the [Employment Permits Online](#).

Some recruitment campaigns may be open to candidates who are not citizens of the EEA, Switzerland, or United Kingdom. You can consult the [Critical Skills Occupational List](#) see if your profession is currently eligible under this route.

The programme outlined for Children’s Health Ireland may impact on this role and as structures change the job description may be reviewed.

Children’s Health Ireland is an equal opportunities employer.

Does the post above identified for filling come within the definition of an Exposure Prone Procedure (EPP) Post? (Tick below as appropriate)	
YES ☐	NO ☒
Exposure Prone Procedure (EPP) Post Assessment of Post in line with the 'Integrated Guidance on Health Clearance of Healthcare Workers and the Management of Healthcare Workers Living with Bloodborne Viruses (Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV, 2025)'	
Exposure Prone Procedures (EPPs) are defined in the national guidance as: 'invasive procedures where there is potential for direct contact between the skin, usually finger or thumb of the healthcare worker and sharp objects or surgical instruments – such as needles, sharp body parts (for example fractured bones) spicules of bone or teeth – in body cavities or in poorly visualised or confined body sites, including the mouth of the patient'. All staff hired, transferred or promoted into an EPP post will be required to provide evidence via Occupational Health service of their freedom from infection in line with this national guidance. No appointment will be made in the absence of such evidence. EPP workers with previous EPP clearance prior to November 2025, may require further clearance in line with this updated guidance, so should submit details of previous clearance in line with section 9 of this form. The guidance is available here https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/bloodbornevirus/ Detailed information on those categories of staff and procedures coming under the scope of the EPP definition is available from the Area Recruitment Unit. If there is any doubt about whether the post you have identified above comes within the definition of an EPP post, expert advice should be sought from the Occupational Health Service.	