

Job Title & Grade	Senior Metabolic Dietitian in Paediatric Metabolic Medicine
Campaign Reference #	104485
Closing Date	Sunday, 18 th October 2026 by 23:45 pm (Irish Time)
Duration of Post	Permanent
Advertisement Type	External
Specific T&C's of post	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 Senior Dietitian, 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	National Centre for Inherited Metabolic Disorders, Children's Health Ireland Temple Street, then moving to NCH when opens

Reporting Arrangements	The successful candidate will report to the Dietitian Manager In Charge Ill via the Metabolic Dietitian Manager and will be clinically responsible to the metabolic consultants within his/her area of clinical practice.
Key Working Relationships	The post holder will work closely with: • Metabolic multidisciplinary team • Dietitians across CHI • Catering <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	The post holder will work in the National Centre for Inherited Metabolic Disorders with other metabolic dietetic team members to provide a comprehensive dietetic service to individuals and their parents with inherited metabolic disorders. This is currently a service which cares for both adults and children, but some adult patients are in transition/transfer to the Mater University Hospital campus. <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.

	Clinical Duties To work with the metabolic multidisciplinary team and Dietitian Manager in the planning and provision of a clinical service at the National Centre for Inherited Metabolic Disorders. The service provision is both inpatient- and outpatient-based. Liaise with the metabolic medical team on the dietary management of unwell patients with inherited metabolic disorders at home or in outlying hospitals. Provide on call cover for weekends and public holidays as per agreement with the Human Resources Department. Assess, review and monitor inpatients and outpatients, and adjust their diet and/or nutrition support regimen (in conjunction with the multidisciplinary team, child and their parents/carers) based on changes in the child's state of health and condition. Attend and participate in multidisciplinary team meetings and ward rounds as required. Liaise with catering and special feeds unit regarding provision of special diets and specialised nutritional products. Act as a resource for nutritional information to other health professionals, catering and special feeds unit, and provide education as required. Maintain accurate records of each consultation with/about the patient in dietetic notes and in the patient's clinical notes. Ensure appropriate discharge planning in conjunction with patients, families/carers and the multidisciplinary team. Participate in audit, research and other quality improvement projects that maintain high quality services. Plan, organise and deliver group education sessions for children and their families as required. Develop clinical guidelines, protocols and care pathways reflective of evidence-based practice. Administration
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	In addition to clinical duties, participate in: Daily administrative duties and management of caseload. Updating of department resources. Development of new teaching materials, lecture notes and other educational resources. Maintaining accurate activity statistics, preparation of reports and service planning activities in consultation with the Dietitian Manager and Dietitian Manager In Charge III. Attending department meetings, dietetic team meetings and other meetings as required. Representing the department or profession on working groups and at meetings. Liaison with other dietetic colleagues/nursing staff/doctors when patients are discharged to outlying hospitals and the community. <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	Exposure to (tick all that apply): ☐ Noise (>80dBA) ☐ Cytotoxic drugs ☐ Respiratory sensitisers ☐ Vibrating equipment ☐ Other (please specify):	Consists of (tick all that apply): ☒ Contact with patients ☐ Patient moving and handling ☐ Inanimate moving and handling ☐ Exposure Prone Procedures (EPP) ☐ Work in Haemodialysis

	☐ Other (please specify): ☐ None Applicable:	☒ None Applicable:	☐ Work in confined spaces ☐ Other (please specify): ☐ None Applicable:
Eligibility criteria, qualifications and experience	<u>Essential Criteria:</u> Be registered as a Dietitian by the Dietitians Registration Board at CORU (candidates must provide proof of registration on CV) AND Have 3 years full time (or an aggregate of 3 years full time) post qualification dietetic experience <u>Desirable Criteria:</u> • Experience in paediatric dietetics • Experience in metabolic dietetics • Experience in the area of prescriptive dietetics, e.g. metabolic medicine, nephrology, ketogenic diet therapies, critical care.		

Core Behaviours and our Chosen Culture in CHI

Core Behaviours of our Chosen Culture

Organisational culture is not a static concept. It is dynamic and lived—reflected in how we interact with each other, how we care for patients, how we respond to challenges, and how we lead. It influences the quality of care, the wellbeing of our workforce, and the public's confidence in our services. Creating and maintaining a positive culture is the responsibility of every one of us.

The behaviours detailed within the pillars in the image below, are how we reflect four key aspects of our chosen culture: How we partner with patients, service users and public, how we pause to self-reflect, how we interact with our colleagues and how we compassionately lead. A consensus on our core behaviours is the starting point for establishing and implementing our shared values.

Values and Behaviours are the foundation of how we deliver health and social care. A consistent, practical framework helps everyone in the health service act in ways that reflect our shared culture and mission.

Living these Behaviours is how we express our desired culture to those we serve. When applying these behaviours, we consider these statements and how they translate for CHI employees, in their day to day work.



Competition Specific Selection Process How to Apply & Informal Enquiries	Applications for this post <u>must be accompanied by a cover letter</u>, setting out relevant experience that illustrates how the essential criteria listed above are met. The criterion for short listing is based on the requirements of the post, as outlined in the eligibility criteria. * Please note that you must submit a cover letter with your CV, this forms part of your application and CV's will not be accepted without a detailed cover letter. The closing date for submissions of CVs and cover letter is Sunday, 18th October 2026 by 23:45 pm. Applications must be completed through the advertised post on CHI.jobs by clicking 'Apply for Job'. Applications will not be accepted through direct email or any other method. For informal enquiries for this specialty/department, please contact Anne Clark, Metabolic Dietitian Manager at anne.clark@childrenshealthireland.ie For other queries relating to this recruitment process, please contact Talent Acquisition Specialist Victoria Gsamelova at Victoria.Gsamelova@childrenshealthireland.ie 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.
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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 your information only:

- 7th December 2026 (internal only)
- 4th January 2027
- 8th February 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.	