

US healthcare provider UPMC create 60 jobs in Kilkenny

The roles will be created over the next three years and will support the company's international expansion.

UPMC, a leading US-based healthcare provider and insurer, has announced the creation of 60 new jobs in Kilkenny which will be filled over the next three years.

To support its ongoing international expansion, the Pittsburgh-based company is to open a global technology operation centre at McDonagh Junction in the city.

Recruitment of network, systems and security engineers, security and privacy analysts and other information technology managers has already begun.

UPMC has operated in the south east since 2006 and currently employs more than 475 staff in Ireland. The company also has a large private clinic based in Waterford. Last year, UPMC signed a sponsorship deal with Kilkenny GAA, which among other things, led to the County Grounds being renamed UPMC Nowlan Park.

"Our multinational business requires a technology platform that allows us to consistently provide the highest quality care at the lowest cost, regardless of location," said Ed McCallister, chief information officer of UPMC.

"As we considered locations worldwide that would best meet our needs, Ireland - and its centrally located, multi-cultural workforce - quickly rose to the top."

UPMC said it had chosen Kilkenny because it is close to the company's other facilities here, including hospitals, cancer centres and an outpatient site in Waterford, Cork, Carlow and Kildare.

It also referenced the strong tech talent pool, business-friendly environment, significant presence of major tech companies and Ireland's active innovation community supporting tech start-ups.

The investment is being supported by the Irish Government through IDA Ireland and was welcomed by the IDA boss Martin Shanahan.

"This investment by UPMC demonstrates a huge vote of confidence in Ireland, our strong value proposition and our agile and adaptable business environment that we've sustained despite the unprecedented changes imposed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic," he said.

"Kilkenny is an ideal choice of location, given the availability of highly skilled creative talent there. The new jobs being created are a welcome boost to the economy of the South East."

The news of the jobs was also welcomed by Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation Heather Humphreys, saying it would be a "significant boost" to the wider region.

To find out more about the latest vacancies at UPMC, [click here](#).

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