

HSE chief executive, Brendan Drumm, has announced that the contracts for 14,000 temporary HSE staff, including front line staff, will not be renewed when they fall due.

The Limerick branch of the CRPHS is particularly worried about this cut, and the impact it will have in Limerick's Mid- West-

The campaign spokesperson said patients, staff and the public should come together to fight these cuts in the health service.

She continued: "I really am up in arms over this. We're here trying to fight against fees and would you blame anyone in cutting fees when you saw what was going on the other night? They'd say they don't deserve anything."

because they're in UL? It's double standards." The Limerick Leader received a number of other calls from people complaining about students unruly behaviour in the Denmark Street area of the city. "The place is littered with broken bottles and they were urinating all over the street and the Gardaí seemed to be doing nothing about it," said one caller, who said he was a resident of the area.

Moreso, Ms Mullane said was more disgusted with the attitude of gardai she met and the lack of patrol cars on the street, than the behaviour of unruly students.

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Admiral Gilligan claims territorial waters

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MAYOR John Gilligan scared away Neptune, the God of the Sea, in his most vengeful role yet as Admiral of the Shannon, when he performed an historic tradition by throwing a silver dart in the river to protect Limerick from stormy weather in the coming year.

It is 400 years since Limerick was granted the city charter under King James I, in which the title of Admiral of the Shannon was conferred on the Mayor, who had control over maritime issues and could hold court.

"Apparently after throwing the dart I was supposed to be given 1,000 herring and 1,000 oysters, but I didn't get any, and I would have settled for a bag of peri winkles," Mayor Gilligan laughed.

Accompanied by Brother Anthony from Glenstal Abbey, the Mayor departed on the Bantry Bay longboat from Cap-pagh Pier, Kilrush, on Saturday afternoon to the mouth of the Shannon Estuary, and near Scatter-y Island he cast a silver dart

into the water in accordance with the custom.

The longboat had been repaired by the AK Ilen wooden boat building school in Roxboro, the company that hosted the Mayor on his maritime adventure.

Mayor Gilligan said it was an honour to take part in this old tradition, although the title today holds no more than a ceremonial function.

"It was absolutely fabulous," Mayor Gilligan said. "It is part and parcel of the history of Limerick and it was important that on the 400th anniversary that we recreate the ceremony."

During his mayoralty in 2006, Cllr Diarmuid Scully revived the tradition for the first time since Ted Russell held office in 1956.

The charter conferred on Limerick City Council grants exclusive jurisdiction over the Shannon from a point three miles north-east of the city to the mouth of the Shannon.

The city council could then control maritime affairs in the area and had the right to hold a court of admiralty.



Mayor John Gilligan, Admiral of the Shannon, throwing a silver dart into River Shannon at the mouth of the estuary last weekend.

Over 5,000 Leinster fans set to hit town

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Ticket manager at Thomond Park, David Morrissey, said all the Munster tickets for the clash on Saturday had been sold out before this week and that the stadium should be very close if not at capacity this weekend.

"We've had games that have sold out before but quite a few of the seats in the stadium belong to season ticket holders so you don't know if they are going to turn up on the night," said Morrissey.

"Having said that, we have a facility where season ticket holders can return their tickets for particular games if they're not going and they want to sell them on. For example we had 400 tickets returned for the Edinburgh game in Cork a few weeks back, but not one single ticket has been returned for this game."

This weekend's game will also mark another first for Thomond Park as it is the first time the stadium

advertising and it will also host the launch of a new mobile phone Munster application.

Over 70 metres of pitch-side advertising will adorn the East Stand touchline, in the main TV arc, allowing Munster and its sponsors with to communicate brand messages using moving images.

Munster's Live Mobile application can be downloaded by supporters via Bluetooth at the Thomond Park main bars this weekend or received by text by texting Munster to 5100 (standard SMS rate apply). The application is live information service with links directly to the Munster and Thomond Park websites and providing information on fixture the squad and competitions.

Kick off for this Saturday's game against Leinster in Thomond Park 7.30pm. Gardaí have advised supporters arrive early and not drive to the stadium, instead to use public transport from the city centre

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