

## Playing the Game of Thrones for Real Could Cost You an Arm and a Leg

- **DNA testing in Ireland costs an average of €169, while a full STD screening will set you back €81 on average**
- **Each session of bereavement counselling will set you back an average of €58 and there has been a whopping 480% increase in enquiries in the past 12 months**
- **Scar removal costs an average of €156 but could set you back as much as €1,500 in the most severe cases**
- **Rhinoplasty costs an average of €3,100 in Ireland, despite this, enquiries are up 369% in the past year**

**Dublin, Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>** - When you play the Game of Thrones, you win or you die. (Or are maimed and traumatised).

Game of Thrones Series 5 is almost upon us and with it we can expect a bevy of ailments, maladies and woes that hurt, maim or traumatise our favourite characters. But what could the GoT crew expect to pay to heal their wounds if they were living here in Ireland? We've compared the medical bills for our GoT characters with help from a price comparison report from private healthcare search engine, [WhatClinic.com](http://WhatClinic.com).

Really, we have to hope that the crew have some pretty robust health insurance given the breadth and scope of medical concerns. Daenerys, despite rolling in with a fairly long list of issues, has an affordable solution - bereavement counselling. Bereavement counselling has an average cost in Ireland of just €58. Perhaps with the right help, she can begin to unravel the trauma of the death of her parents, brother, son, husband and the separation from her dragon babies. And by the looks of things, there's more to come.

Perhaps Jon Snow would be slightly less grim if he had the reassurance of a quick and simple DNA test to confirm his parentage. Though it still wouldn't help him unravel the mystery of his mother, the poor sausage. This treatment would cost €169 in Ireland and enquiries have more than tripled (209%) in the past 12 months.

Frankly, we don't want Arya Stark to change one jot, but it's probably not healthy to have a 'Kill List' at her age. Or at any age. Perhaps with a course of anger management she could begin to channel her rage into something a little more constructive. Anger management is a snip at €57 per session. Ireland has seen a 96% increase in demand for anger management, though we think that it is perhaps, too little, too late for our girl Arya.

Westeros characters are simply riddled with scars. More so with each series. The average cost of scar removal treatments in Ireland is €156, but this can range anywhere from €50 for small scars to €1,500 for the most severe cases. Tyrion Lannister would need reconstructive surgery following his face trauma in series two, and possibly rhinoplasty, with an average price in Ireland of €3,100.

Sansa Stark has had a tough time of it, and while her lack of spine in earlier episodes had us shouting at the tellies, it's clear she's paid more than her dues. Perhaps a nice Chakra massage could help her find a bit of balance. Unfortunately we couldn't find a personality transplant on the list of treatments available.

Ah Hodor. Hodor, Hodor, Hodor. It's clear the big lump needs speech counselling. Widely available, and accessible to both public and private patients, who knows what eloquence Hodor is hiding? Sample prices of €75 for a 90 minute session.

In fact, across the board there are demands for treatment around scars (physical and mental), STD, infection, stress, anger, grief and the extreme case of member reattachment. The table below shows some of the treatments that might be suitable for GoT characters:

Character	Issue	Treatment	Average starting price (IE)	% increase in enquiries in past year (IE)
Daenerys Targaryen	Orphan Death of brother - <i>S01 Winter is Coming</i> Death of son - <i>S01 Baelor</i> Death of husband - <i>S01 Fire and Blood</i> Betrayed by her friend and advisor Ser Jorah Mormont - <i>S04 The Mountain and the Viper</i> Forced to chain and abandon her dragon-children - <i>S04 The Children</i>	Bereavement counselling	€58	480%
Jon Snow	Illegitimate son of Eddard Stark Knows nothing about his mother	DNA testing	€169*	209%
Arya Stark	Beheading of father - <i>S01 Baelor</i> Death of brother and mother - <i>S03 The Rains of Castamere</i> Angry and thirsty for revenge Starts a kill list	Bereavement counselling	€58	480%
		Anger management	€57	96%
Sansa Stark	Witnesses beheading of father - <i>S01 Baelor</i> Captive in King's Landing and subjected to mental torture by Joffrey <i>S01 - Fire and Blood</i> Forced to marry Tyrion Lannister <i>S03 - Second Sons</i> Death of brother and mother - <i>S03 The Rains of Castamere</i>	Chakra massage	€50*	58%
		Alternative treatment for depression	€61*	-80%

Bran Stark	Lost the use of his legs after being pushed out of a tower window - <i>S01 Winter is Coming</i>	Spinal rehabilitation	€45	200%
Jamie and Cersei Lannister	Are twin brother and sister Have incestuous relationship and three children Jaime forces himself on Cersei next to their son's remains - <i>S04 Break of Chains</i>	Couples therapy	€75	-3%
Cersei Lannister	Never without a glass of wine in her hand	Alcoholism treatment	€61	-67%
Tyrion Lannister	Was slashed across the face leaving him with a bad scar and a deep cut on the nose - <i>S02 Blackwater</i>	Scar removal	€156*	133%
		Rhinoplasty	€3,100	269%
Theon Greyjoy	Captured and tortured by Ramsay - <i>S03 The Climb</i> Castrated - <i>S03 The Bear and the Maiden Fair</i> Forced to assume new identity as 'Reek' - <i>S03 Mhysa</i>	PTSD treatment	€62	-53%
Sandor Clegane ("The Hound")	Severe burn scars on half his face inflicted by older brother when they were children	Scar removal	€156*	133%
Petyr Baelish	Brothel owner	STD testing	€81	115%
Varys	Bald	Hair transplant	€2,820	179%
Hodor	Unable to say anything but 'hodor'	Speech therapy	€75*	n/a

\*where large numbers of prices weren't available for averages, sample prices from local clinics were given

## **Emily Ross, Director of WhatClinic.com, comments**

“We couldn’t find a single person in GoT who didn’t need medical assistance of some type or other. Luckily, those of us on this side of the screen have access to a wide range of treatments here in Ireland that can help us overcome issues, both physical and mental, that can really affect our health and wellbeing. The only thing we couldn’t find listed was treatment for GoT addiction. That’s something people may have to deal with all by themselves!

“If you are after treatments, whether it be physical or mental, make sure that you find a practitioner you’re comfortable with and read patient reviews. Don’t be afraid to ask about their qualifications and don’t be swayed by discounts or offers.”

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