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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_)\***

Trinity Biotech plc  
(Name of Issuer)  
American Depositary Shares  
(each representing 4 A Ordinary Shares,  
par value \$0.0109)  
(Title of Class of Securities)  
896438306  
(CUSIP Number)  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 896438306

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

Ronan O Caoimh

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

Ireland

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF

1,272,864 (Consisting of 1,005,364 American Depositary Shares and 1,070,000 A Ordinary Shares convertible into 267,500 American Depositary Shares)

SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY

6

SHARED VOTING POWER

0

EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON

7

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,272,864

WITH:

8

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

1,272,864

**10** CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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**11** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

6.2%

**12** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

**Item 1.**

- (a) Name of Issuer: Trinity Biotech Plc
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: IDA Business Park  
Bray, Co. Wicklow,  
Ireland

**Item 2.**

- (a) Name of Person Filing: Ronan O Caoimh
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence: IDA Business Park  
Bray, Co. Wicklow,  
Ireland
- (c) Citizenship: Ireland
- (d) Title of Class of Securities: American Depositary Shares
- (e) CUSIP Number: 896438306

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §240.13d-1(b) or §240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

**Item 4. Ownership**

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,272,864 American Depositary Shares
- (b) Percent of class: 6.2%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,272,864
  - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
  - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,272,864
  - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: -0-

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following.

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

Not applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 10. Certification**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: 8/12/08

By: /s/ Ronan O Caoimh

Name: Ronan O Caoimh

Title: CEO Trinity Biotech Plc

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