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Re: “To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant gastroenterologist posts that have been advertised since 2018; the number of these posts that have been filled to date”

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

It should be noted that the Public Appointments Service (PAS) recruits permanent consultants for the statutory hospital sector only. In effect this means all Consultants posts within the voluntary hospital sector both permanent and temporary are filled directly by the Voluntary Hospitals.

All temporary / locum appointments within the Statutory Sector are conducted within the Hospital Groups and not through the Public Appointments Service. Therefore, the data below relates only to permanent consultant appointments within the statutory sector.

Since 2018 five (5) posts have been advertised through the Public Appointments Service for permanent Consultant Gastroenterologist. These posts were for Wexford General Hospital, Letterkenny University Hospital, University of Limerick Hospital Group, University Hospital Waterford and the South / South West Hospital Group. Unfortunately three (3) of the posts failed to attract qualified applicants and the remaining two (2) are in progress with the PAS.

However, it should be noted that there are plans to introduce a new Consultant Gastroenterologist & General Physician in Galway.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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