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**Deputy James Brown,
Dail Eireann
Dublin 2.**

PQ Number: 53491/19

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved consultant psychiatric posts by speciality; the number filled on a temporary basis; the number filled by doctors not on the specialist register; the number unfilled, vacant or unmatched; and the location of these unfilled, vacant or unmatched posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -James Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

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. I have examined the matter and the below outlines the position as at January 2020:

Number of psychiatric posts by specialty	
Psychiatry of Learning Disability	19 posts
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	110 posts
Forensic Psychiatry	19 posts
General Psychiatry	259 posts
Psychiatry of Old Age	55 posts

Number of Consultant Psychiatrists working in a non-permanent capacity i.e locum, fixed term, agency, temporary.	103 Consultants
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Number of Consultant Psychiatrists not on the specialist register	19 Consultants
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Number of vacant/unmatched posts in each location	
CHO 1	8 posts
CHO 2	2 posts
CHO 3	3 posts
CHO 4	9 posts



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CHO 5	6 posts
CHO 6	7 posts
CHO 7	12 posts
CHO 8	7 posts
CHO 9	2 posts
NFMHS	5 posts

Some of this data is taken from our national Doctors Integrated E-management System (DIME) and as such is dependent on Hospital Groups/CHOs inputting details on their consultant workforce. This database has recently been introduced and the data matching exercise is not currently 100% completed, and as such there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within hospitals/CHOs. It is not currently possible on DIME to distinguish between Vacant and Unmatched posts. The ability to identify Consultant vacancies on DIME versus unmatched Consultant posts is due to be rolled out soon.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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