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

PQ 30743/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant psychiatric posts across the health services; and the number filled by permanent consultant, temporarily filled and those currently vacant -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 following outlines the position as at July 2019:

The number of consultant psychiatric posts across the health services	456 posts
The number of permanent consultants in these posts	302
The number of temporary consultants in these posts	110
The number of unmatched/vacant consultant psychiatry posts	62

The number of posts refers to Whole Time Equivalent i.e. 456 WTE. In some cases there may be two persons occupying one post (e.g. job share/part time)

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.



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Reynolds'.

Sinead Reynolds
General Manager Mental Health Services