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Deputy Gerry Adams

Ref: PQ Ref 26351

Dear Deputy Adams,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question below which was sent to the HSE for reply.

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialties affected by the failure to fill the 500 consultant posts"

National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response

The following data is extracted from Doctors Integrated Management E-system (DIME). DIME is dependent on clinical sites 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.

Medical Discipline	*Unknown	**Vacant	Grand Total
Anaesthesia	17	8	25
Emergency Medicine	13	5	18
Intensive Care Medicine	1	2	3
Medicine	41	42	83
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	10	4	14
Paediatrics	15	15	30
Pathology	27	19	46
Psychiatry	42	29	71
Radiology	23	11	34
Surgery	22	16	38
Grand Total	211	151	362

The recording of vacant posts is a new feature of DIME and has only been available for reporting from early 2019. The category "Unknown status" refers to when the site has not yet assigned a consultant to a post or marked a post as vacant and therefore the status of this post is currently unknown in DIME. The category "Vacant" refers to a consultant post that the hospital has verified on DIME as currently vacant.

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