



28th March 2019

Deputy Stephen Donnelly

Ref: PQ Ref 12680/19

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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

Parliamentary Question:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical graduates from medical schools here; the number of such graduates that commenced internships here; the number of those graduates that completed internships here in each of the years 2004 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Response to Parliamentary Question:

The HSE does not gather information on the number of graduates from Irish medical schools. That information should be sought from either each individual medical school or the Higher Education Authority.

Details on the number of Irish Medical School graduates that commenced internships between 2011 and 2018 in Ireland is set out below. Information in relation to details of Irish Medical School graduates who commenced internships in Ireland between 2004 and 2010 is not held by NDTP but the number is likely to be between 450 and 520. The Fottrell Report 2006 recommended an increase in intern posts up to a suggested maximum of 725, implementation of which is reflected in below.

Year	Number of Irish Medical School Graduates who commenced internships
2011	520
2012	532
2013	633
2014	678
2015	717
2016	721
2017	728
2018	729



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In relation to the number of graduates that completed internships between 2004 and 2018 – we are aware that, on average, approximately 6 interns do not complete their internship each year, meaning that, on average, 99% (n=728, based on a total number of 734) of interns who commence their internship, complete it.

Yours sincerely,

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