



28 November 2019

Deputy Jackie Cahill
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Ref: PQ Ref 49576/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant psychiatric posts in the health service in County Tipperary; and the number filled by permanent consultant, temporarily filled and vacant, respectively".

Dear Deputy Cahill

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.

National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response

The following data has been extracted from the Doctors Integrated Management E-system (DIME) as of 28 November 2019. This database is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce. Currently there is 97% estimated compliance rate and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites.

The table below is an overview of the consultant psychiatric posts in County Tipperary, based on Mental Health Services Tipperary North and Mental Health Services Tipperary South. These posts include General Adult Psychiatry, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychiatry of Old Age.

Principal Clinical Site	Filled by Agency	Filled by Permanent	Filled by Temporary / Locum	Vacancies	Total
MHS Tipperary North	2	2	1	0	5
MHS Tipperary South	4	4	0	0	8
Grand Total	6	6	1	0	13



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The following should be noted:

- A vacant post is a Consultant post that the hospital has verified on DIME as currently vacant.
- The recording of vacant posts from DIME has only been available for reporting from early 2019.

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