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"To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant positions that need to be filled, both temporary and permanent by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Rabbitte

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 data in the table attached is extracted from the Doctors Integrated Management E-system (DIME) database as at 14 October, 2019. DIME is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce. As DIME is a relatively new system, currently there is a 92% estimated compliance rate and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites.

The data has been collated by Hospital Group in the attached table as the system cannot produce data by County.

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MEDICAL CONSULTANT DATA

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Hospital Group/CHO	Filled Posts		Vacant or Unknown		Total Approved Posts
	Permanent	*Non-Permanent	**Vacant	***Unknown	
Children's Health Ireland	178	4	13	18	213
CHO 1	24	7	6	2	39
CHO 2	31	5	3	3	42
CHO 3	25	6	3	3	37
CHO 4	39	11	7	3	60
CHO 5	21	17	4	1	43
CHO 6	37	5	1	12	55
CHO 7	39	15	1	13	68
CHO 8	33	14	1	1	49
CHO 9	53	9	0	6	68
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group	423	25	21	23	492
Ireland East Hospitals Group	453	33	13	30	529
Mental Health Services	9	1	0	4	14
RCSI Hospitals Group	380	38	3	10	431
Saolta Hospitals Group	339	52	13	24	428
South / South West Hospitals Group	392	35	15	36	478
University of Limerick Hospitals Group	122	24	24	55	225
****Other e.g. Breastcheck	28	1	15	11	55
Grand Total	2626	302	143	255	3326

*Non- Permanent: includes Temporary, Specified Purpose, Agency and locums.

**Vacant: a vacant post is a Consultant post that the hospital has verified on DIME as currently vacant.

***Unknown 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 on DIME.

****In regards to the designation of Other, this refers to the sites not attached to a HG/CHO e.g. Breastcheck