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Deputy Berry  
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**Ref:** PQ Ref 41068/20

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant psychiatrist posts that exist in the HSE; the number that are vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Berry,

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 contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. DIME is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites. As DIME is a live system it must be noted that there can be variances in the figures published dependent on the run date of the report as entries can be made with a retrospective date.

There is currently a total of 482 consultant psychiatrist posts recorded on DIME, 25 of these are recorded as vacant, as verified by the clinical sites.

Leah O'Toole  
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