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Deputy Lahart  
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### **PQ 42405/20**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved consultant psychiatric posts by speciality; the number filled on a temporary basis; the number filled by doctors not on the specialist register; the number unfilled, vacant or unmatched; the location of these unfilled, vacant or unmatched posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Lahart,

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 09 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 are currently 482 Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) approved consultant psychiatric posts. 110 of those posts are filled on a temporary basis. There are 21 posts filled by consultants who are registered in the General Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners.

**Table 1 – Status of approved consultant psychiatric posts by speciality**

Specialty	Filled	Vacant	Total
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	104	6	110
Psychiatry	267	15	282
Psychiatry of Learning Disability	32	4	36
Psychiatry of Old Age	53	1	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>482</b>

- Filled: The site has assigned a consultant to the post.



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- Vacant: The site has verified on DIME that this is a vacant post. Recruitment for the post may be underway.
- Unknown: The site has not yet assigned a consultant to the post or marked the post as vacant.

**Table 2 – Number of approved vacant consultant psychiatric posts by location**

Medical Discipline	CHO 1	CHO 2	CHO 3	CHO 4	CHO 8	CHO 9	Mental Health Services	Total
Psychiatry	2	1	4	4	3	7	5	26

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