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"To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra hospital consultants that will be hired in 2020."

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan

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 below is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) which is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce. Currently there is an estimated 99% compliance rate 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.

The number of consultants employed on 31/12/2019 increased by 125 compared to 31/12/2018, this includes all tenures.

It is not possible to provide data on how many consultants will be hired until the end of 2020 as the data within DIME records only when a consultant starts in their post. As of 24/06/2020 there has been an increase of 67 consultants compared to 31/12/2019, includes all tenures.

Yours sincerely

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