



30th April 2021

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Ref: PQ 19719/21

'To ask the Minister for Health the whole-time equivalent approved posts for consultant anaesthetists at each location; the number filled and vacant; the basis on which they are filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter'

Dear Deputy Cullinane

The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 27.04.2021.

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

Data on Consultant staffing can only be reported by post(s), rather than WTE. The figures in table 1 below relate to CAAC (Consultant Applications Advisory Committee) approved Consultant posts. To note: there are a further two Consultants employed on a Temporary basis but due to GDPR this would be providing personal information. For that reason, these two posts have been omitted from the below total figures.

Definition of Status

- **Filled** - The clinical site has verified that a Consultant currently occupies this post
- **Vacant** - The clinical site has verified on DIME that this is a vacant post, however, it should be noted that recruitment for the post may be underway and in some cases appointments may have already been made with a prospective start date
- **Unknown** - The clinical site has not yet assigned a Consultant to the post or marked the post as vacant

It should be noted that 2021 has seen a surge in the number of posts being approved by the CAAC, and this has resulted in a higher number of vacancies. There is often a significant period of time between approval of a consultant post to an appointee commencing employment. The most recent CAAC meeting was just held on Tuesday 13th April 2021.



Principal Clinical Site	Tenure	Filled	Vacant	Unknown	Total
Beaumont Hospital	Permanent	30			30
	Temporary	1			1
			2		2
Beaumont Hospital Total		31	2		33
Breastcheck - Eccles Unit	Permanent	1			1
Breastcheck - Eccles Unit Total		1			1
Breastcheck - Merrion Unit	Permanent	1			1
Breastcheck - Merrion Unit Total		1			1
Breastcheck - Southern Unit	Permanent	1			1
Breastcheck - Southern Unit Total		1			1
Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital	Permanent	12			12
Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital Total		12			12
Cavan General Hospital	Permanent	4			4
			1		1
Cavan General Hospital Total		4	1		5
CHI at Crumlin	Permanent	23			23
			4		4
CHI at Crumlin Total		23	4		27
CHI at Temple St	Permanent	15			15
CHI at Temple St Total		15			15
Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown	Permanent	9			9
Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown Total		9			9
Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital	Permanent	5			5
	Temporary	1			1
Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital Total		6			6
Cork University Hospital	Permanent	26			26
	Temporary	2			2
Cork University Hospital Total		28			28
Ennis Hospital	Permanent	1			1
Ennis Hospital Total		1			1
Letterkenny University Hospital	Permanent	8			8
	Temporary	1			1
Letterkenny University Hospital Total		9			9
Mallow General Hospital	Permanent	2			2
Mallow General Hospital Total		2			2
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Permanent	25			25
	Temporary	1			1
			1		1

Principal Clinical Site	Tenure	Filled	Vacant	Unknown	Total
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital Total		26	1		27
Mayo University Hospital	Permanent	6			6
	Temporary	1			1
			1		1
Mayo University Hospital Total		7	1		8
Mercy University Hospital	Permanent	9			9
				1	1
Mercy University Hospital Total		9		1	10
Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar	Permanent	5			5
				1	1
Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar Total		5		1	6
Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise	Permanent	3			3
Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise Total		3			3
Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore	Permanent	7			7
	Temporary	1			1
Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore Total		8			8
Monaghan Hospital	Permanent	1			1
Monaghan Hospital Total		1			1
Naas General Hospital	Permanent	2			2
Naas General Hospital Total		2			2
National Maternity Hospital	Permanent	5			5
	Temporary	1			1
			1		1
National Maternity Hospital Total		6	1		7
Nenagh Hospital	Permanent	2			2
Nenagh Hospital Total		2			2
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	Permanent	18			18
	Temporary	3			3
			2		2
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda Total		21	2		23
Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	Permanent	1			1
Our Lady's Hospital, Navan Total		1			1
Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe	Permanent	3			3
	Temporary	1			1
Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe Total		4			4
Rotunda Hospital	Permanent	7			7
	Temporary	1			1
Rotunda Hospital Total		8			8
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital	Permanent	5			5
Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital Total		5			5
Sligo University Hospital	Permanent	8			8
	Temporary	4			4
			1		1
Sligo University Hospital Total		12	1		13
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	Permanent	4			4
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital Total		4			4
South Tipperary General Hospital	Permanent	3			3
	Temporary	2			2
South Tipperary General Hospital Total		5			5



Principal Clinical Site	Tenure	Filled	Vacant	Unknown	Total
St Columcille's Hospital	Permanent	2			2
	Temporary	1			1
St Columcille's Hospital Total		3			3
St James's Hospital	Permanent	28			28
	Temporary	2			2
			2		2
St James's Hospital Total		30	2		32
St John's Hospital, Limerick	Permanent	2			2
St John's Hospital, Limerick Total		2			2
St Luke's General Hospital, Carlow/Kilkenny	Permanent	5			5
	Temporary	2			2
				1	1
St Luke's General Hospital, Carlow/Kilkenny Total		7		1	8
St Luke's, Rathgar	Permanent	1			1
St Luke's, Rathgar Total		1			1
St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire	Permanent	1			1
St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire Total		1			1
St Vincent's University Hospital	Permanent	16			16
	Temporary	1			1
			3	1	4
St Vincent's University Hospital Total		17	3	1	21
Tallaght University Hospital	Permanent	20			20
	Temporary	2			2
			5		5
Tallaght University Hospital Total		22	5		27
University Hospital Galway	Permanent	28			28
	Temporary	2			2
			1		1
University Hospital Galway Total		30	1		31
University Hospital Kerry	Permanent	6			6
				1	1
University Hospital Kerry Total		6		1	7
University Hospital Limerick	Permanent	14			14
	Temporary	2			2
			1		1
University Hospital Limerick Total		16	1		17
University Hospital Waterford	Permanent	10			10
	Temporary	1			1
				2	2

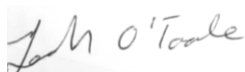
Principal Clinical Site	Tenure	Filled	Vacant	Unknown	Total
University Hospital Waterford Total		11		2	13
University of Limerick Hospitals Group			1	1	2
University of Limerick Hospitals Group Total			1	1	2
Wexford General Hospital	Permanent	4			4
Wexford General Hospital Total		4			4
Total		422	26	8	456

The following should be noted in relation to the tenures provided above:

- **Permanent** includes Consultants appointed on a permanent basis and Consultants who have obtained a contract of indefinite duration.
- **Temporary** includes fixed term contract holders, specified purposes contract holders and Consultants engaged via Agency.

Temporary Consultants includes those who are appointed for reasons such as maternity leave, career break, sick leave etc. or to backfill permanent Consultants who may be seconded to another role e.g. clinical lead, clinical director etc., as well as to fill vacancies.

In some instances, there may be more than one consultant assigned to a Consultant post for a variety of reasons (job-sharing, locums etc.). The tenure is determined by the Consultant that was most recently assigned to the post.



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