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Deputy Sean Sherlock TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ No. 8400/21 To ask the Minister for Health if gastroenterology posts will be created outside of Dublin**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

**Response:**

The data contained in the table below is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 08 February 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.

There are 82 Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) approved Gastroenterology consultant posts. The following table lists the principal clinical sites of each of those posts. There are 36 of the currently filled posts outside the Dublin area. Five of the posts vacant at present are outside the Dublin area.

Principal Clinical Site	Filled posts	Vacant posts	Total
Beaumont Hospital	5	1	6
Cavan General Hospital	1		1
Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown	3	1	4
Cork University Hospital	3	2	5
Letterkenny University Hospital	2		2
Louth County Hospital, Dundalk	1		1
Mallow General Hospital	1		1
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	6		6
Mayo University Hospital	2		2
Mercy University Hospital	3		3

Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar	1		1
Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore	1		1
Monaghan Hospital		1	1
Naas General Hospital	2		2
Nenagh Hospital	1		1
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	2		2
Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	1		1
Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe	1		1
Sligo University Hospital	1	1	2
South Tipperary General Hospital	1		1
St Columcille's Hospital	1	1	2
St James's Hospital	8		8
St Luke's General Hospital, Carlow/Kilkenny	1		1
St Vincent's University Hospital	8	2	10
Tallaght University Hospital	5		5
University Hospital Galway	5		5
University Hospital Kerry	1		1
University Hospital Limerick	2	1	3
University Hospital Waterford	2		2
Wexford General Hospital	1		1
<b>Total number of CAAC approved posts</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>82</b>

Funding for 2021 includes additional consultant posts for Gastroenterology/Hepatology/Endoscopy to be located as per the table below. Filling these posts will be progressed in 2021.

No of posts	Location
1	University Hospital Limerick - Dooradoyle
1	Letterkenny University Hospital
1	Galway University Hospitals with outreach to Castlebar
1	Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore
1	Tallaght University Hospital with outreach to Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore
1	St Vincent's University Hospital
1	Mater Hospital with outreach to Navan
1	CHI, Crumlin

Yours sincerely,



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