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To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved consultant posts by hospital group and hospital respectively filled by tenure, permanent, temporary, locum, agency and vacant consultant posts by discipline and specialty in tabular form; the length of time the vacant posts have remained vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response

The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 01.02.2021. 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

The consultant figures relate to CAAC (Consultant Applications Advisory Committee) approved consultant posts.

- **Filled** - The clinical site has verified that a consultant currently occupies this post
- **Status unknown** - The clinical site has not yet assigned a consultant to the post or marked the post as vacant
- **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.



Table 1 Filled and vacant consultant posts by medical discipline and tenure							
Medical Discipline	Filled Agency	Filled Temporary	Filled Permanent	Filled Total	Status Unknown Total	Vacant Total	Total
Anaesthesiology	1	32	358	391	1	11	403
Emergency Medicine	2	19	84	105		9	114
Intensive Care Medicine		1	28	29		5	34
Medicine	10	62	688	760	2	77	839
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	7	7	157	171		11	182
Paediatrics		19	193	212		20	232
Pathology		25	248	273		34	307
Psychiatry	40	64	349	453	2	30	485
Radiology	5	13	267	285		35	320
Surgery	3	48	476	527		23	550
Total	68	290	2848	3206	5	255	3466

Table 2 Filled and vacant consultant posts by hospital group and tenure							
Hospital group/CHO	Filled Agency	Filled Temporary	Filled Permanent	Filled Total	Status Unknown Total	Vacant Total	Total
BreastCheck			36	36		7	43
Children's Health Ireland		2	197	199		21	220
CHO 1	2	9	29	40		4	44
CHO 2	1	4	35	40		5	45
CHO 3	3	2	26	31		4	35
CHO 4	2	17	36	55		5	60
CHO 5	12	6	25	43			43
CHO 6		3	39	42	2	8	52
CHO 7	4	12	52	68		5	73
CHO 8	9	2	34	45		4	49
CHO 9	7	6	59	72		5	77
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group	3	28	458	489		26	515
Ireland East Hospitals Group	2	28	474	504	2	31	537
Mental Health Services		3	11	14		5	19
Other*		1	15	16		2	18
RCSI Hospitals Group	7	29	416	452		31	483
Saolta Hospitals Group	4	58	357	419	1	30	450
South / South West Hospitals Group	8	51	420	479		44	523
University of Limerick Hospitals Group	4	29	129	162		18	180
Total	68	290	2848	3206	5	255	3466

* Those not within a CHO or HG e.g. Health Protection Surveillance.

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 and specified purposes contract holders.
- **Agency** includes consultants engaged via an agency.

Temp/Agency 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.



Table 3 Length of time posts have been vacant		
Vacant Total	Vacant greater than 12 months	Vacant less than 12 months
255	94	161

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. DIME does not have the facility to capture the stages of recruitment.

Table 4 Vacant consultant posts by hospital group and principal clinical site			
Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Medical Discipline	Vacant Total
BreastCheck	Breastcheck - Eccles Unit	Radiology	1
	Breastcheck - Merrion Unit	Pathology	1
	Breastcheck - Southern Unit	Pathology	1
		Radiology	1
		Surgery	1
	Breastcheck - Western Unit	Pathology	1
		Radiology	1
Children's Health Ireland	CHI at Connolly	Paediatrics	1
	CHI at Crumlin	Anaesthesiology	3
		Intensive Care Medicine	1
		Medicine	3
		Paediatrics	4
		Pathology	1
		Radiology	2
		Surgery	1
	CHI at Tallaght	Paediatrics	1
	CHI at Temple St	Pathology	1
		Radiology	1
		Surgery	1
	Childrens Hospital Group	Pathology	1
CHO 1	Donegal Hospice	Medicine	1
	MHS Cavan / Monaghan	Psychiatry	1
	MHS Sligo / Leitrim	Psychiatry	1
	OPS Sligo / Leitrim	Medicine	1
CHO 2	CAMHS Galway Roscommon Mayo	Psychiatry	2
	CHO 2	Medicine	2
	MHS Galway / Roscommon	Psychiatry	1
CHO 3	MHS Limerick	Psychiatry	2
	MHS Tipperary North	Psychiatry	2
CHO 4	CAMHS Cork	Psychiatry	2
	CHO 4	Psychiatry	1

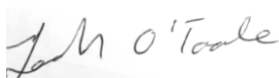
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Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Medical Discipline	Vacant Total
CHO 6	MHS Cork North Lee	Psychiatry	1
	MHS Cork South Lee	Psychiatry	1
	CHO 6	Medicine	1
	National Rehabilitation Hospital	Medicine	5
		Paediatrics	1
CHO 7		Pathology	1
	CHO 7	Medicine	1
	MHS Dublin South Central	Psychiatry	1
CHO 8	Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services	Medicine	3
	MHS Louth / Meath	Psychiatry	2
CHO 9	MHS Midlands	Psychiatry	2
	CAMHS Dublin North City	Psychiatry	2
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group	MHS Dublin North City	Psychiatry	1
	St Michael's House, Dublin	Psychiatry	1
	St Vincent's, Fairview	Psychiatry	1
	Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1
		Pathology	3
	Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore	Medicine	1
	Naas General Hospital	Radiology	2
	St James's Hospital	Anaesthesiology	1
		Emergency Medicine	1
		Intensive Care Medicine	1
		Medicine	8
		Pathology	1
		Radiology	1
		Surgery	1
	Tallaght University Hospital	Emergency Medicine	1
	Intensive Care Medicine	1	
	Radiology	1	
	Surgery	2	
Ireland East Hospitals Group	Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital	Radiology	1
		Surgery	1
	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Intensive Care Medicine	1
		Medicine	3
		Pathology	1
		Radiology	2
		Surgery	2
	Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1
		Paediatrics	2
		Radiology	1
	National Maternity Hospital	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1
	Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	Radiology	1
		Surgery	2
St Columcille's Hospital	Anaesthesiology	1	



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Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Medical Discipline	Vacant Total
		Medicine	1
		Radiology	1
		Surgery	1
	St Luke's General Hospital, Carlow/Kilkenny	Medicine	1
		Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1
		Radiology	1
	St Vincent's University Hospital	Intensive Care Medicine	1
		Medicine	2
	Wexford General Hospital	Medicine	1
		Paediatrics	1
Mental Health Services	Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum	Psychiatry	5
Other*	Health Protection Surveillance	Pathology	1
	Sexual Health Crisis Pregnancy Programme	Medicine	1
RCSI Hospitals Group	Beaumont Hospital	Anaesthesiology	1
		Emergency Medicine	1
		Medicine	5
		Pathology	4
		Psychiatry	1
		Radiology	3
		Surgery	4
	Cavan General Hospital	Pathology	1
		Radiology	2
	Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown	Medicine	1
	Monaghan Hospital	Medicine	1
	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	Emergency Medicine	1
		Medicine	2
		Pathology	1
	Rotunda Hospital	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	3
Saolta Hospitals Group	Letterkenny University Hospital	Anaesthesiology	1
		Medicine	2
		Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1
		Pathology	2
		Radiology	2
		Surgery	2

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Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Medical Discipline	Vacant Total
	Mayo University Hospital	Emergency Medicine	1
		Medicine	1
	Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1
	Roscommon University Hospital	Medicine	1
	Sligo University Hospital	Medicine	2
		Surgery	1
	University Hospital Galway	Anaesthesiology	1
		Emergency Medicine	3
		Medicine	2
		Paediatrics	3
		Pathology	1
		Radiology	1
		Surgery	2
South / South West Hospitals Group	Bantry General Hospital	Medicine	1
	Cork University Hospital	Emergency Medicine	1
		Medicine	11
		Paediatrics	1
		Pathology	7
		Radiology	3
		Surgery	1
	Cork University Maternity Hospital	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	2
	South Infirmity Victoria University Hospital	Surgery	1
	South Tipperary General Hospital	Medicine	1
	University Hospital Kerry	Medicine	1
		Paediatrics	1
		Pathology	1
	University Hospital Waterford	Medicine	6
		Paediatrics	2
	Pathology	2	
	Radiology	2	
University of Limerick Hospitals Group	University Hospital Limerick	Anaesthesiology	2
		Medicine	3
		Paediatrics	3
		Pathology	2
	University of Limerick Hospitals Group	Anaesthesiology	1
		Medicine	2
	Radiology	5	
Total			255

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