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Deputy Chris Andrews TD

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

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**PQ No. 1058/21 *To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant neurologists nationally; and the number there should be compared to international standards.***

Dear Deputy Andrews

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 below is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 12 January 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.

The figures relate to CAAC-approved consultant posts (i.e. consultant posts that have been recommended for approval by the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC)).

There are 46 Consultant posts in Neurology which have been regulated through the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC). 42 of these Consultant posts are currently filled regardless of tenure (includes permanent and temporary/locum).

In 2014, NDTP published "Population Based Ratios of Specialists in Ireland and Internationally: An Information Source to Support Medical Workforce Planning", which was a benchmarking exercise conducted across all medical specialties, comparing specialist numbers against international examples. Included in this benchmarking exercise were the projected numbers of specialists required per specialty in ten years' time (2024). Data and contextual information were requested from individual postgraduate medical training bodies and associated national clinical programmes. The in depth specialty workforce planning review for neurology is published on the website and you can find it at the following link:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-development/met/plan/specialty-specific-reviews/neurology-2014.pdf>

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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