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Deputy Darren O'Rourke
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PQ 12718/21 *** To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant cardiothoracic surgeon posts that have been advertised since 2016; and the number of these posts that have been filled to date.***

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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 am advised by National HR that there is no centrally collated data on the advertising of posts that have been advertised within the HSE.

However, I provide below details of the CAAC (Consultant Applications Advisory Committee) approved consultant posts which was provided by the National Doctors Training Programme (NDTP) as at 4th March 2021.

- **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.

Table 1: Consultant Cardiothoracic posts			
Specialty	**Filled**	**Vacant**	**Total**
Cardiothoracic Surgery	**20**	**2**	**22**

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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