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Deputy Darren O'Rourke  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

***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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Table 1: Consultant Cardiothoracic posts</b>			
<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Filled</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cardiothoracic Surgery	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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\*The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 04.03.2021. 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