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**To ask the Minister for Health the ratio of whole-time equivalent paediatricians per 100 persons that is recommended by the HSE; the number of whole-time equivalent paediatricians per 100 persons currently employed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Tully

There are currently 217 Consultant Paediatricians occupying 248 CAAC approved posts.

In line with the National Clinical Programme for Paediatrics and Neonatology's (NCPPN) model for care for service delivery nationally, (to include the development of the new children's hospital) Ireland requires 9.3 Paediatricians (including Neonatologists) per 100,000 of the population by 2027. The WTE rate for the specialty on average is 88% indicating a demand for 8.2 consultants per 100,000 of the population. All information related to this consultant demand estimate can be found in the medical workforce review for Paediatrics and Neonatology here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-development/met/plan/specialty-specific-reviews/paediatrics-and-neonatology.pdf>

This ratio is for headcount consultants required to deliver the service when the model of care is fully implemented. The demand estimate has come from consultation the NCPPN.

For more information you can contact the National Clinical Programme for Paediatrics and Neonatology.

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