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Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of internship positions offered to medical graduates each year since 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh

Please find figures below for the number of Internships positions offered since 2006. Prior to the establishment of a central recruitment process for medical Intern recruitment posts were assigned locally, consequently the figures presented between 2006 – 2009 are estimates, as referenced within The Report of the Intern Sub-Committee of the National Committee on Medical Education & Training (NCMET), 2008.

**Intern Posts 2006 - 2021**

<b>2006</b>	505
<b>2007</b>	505
<b>2008</b>	505
<b>2009</b>	505
<b>2010</b>	512
<b>2011</b>	557
<b>2012</b>	570
<b>2013</b>	640
<b>2014</b>	684
<b>2015</b>	727
<b>2016</b>	727
<b>2017</b>	734
<b>2018</b>	734
<b>2019</b>	734
<b>2020</b>	993
<b>2021</b>	854

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