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Deputy Pearse Doherty  
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Ref: PQ 48584/21

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant ophthalmologists working within the Health Service Executive; and the location of each such consultant by hospital in tabular form.**

The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 07.10.2021. 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.

There are 57 CAAC (Consultant Applications Advisory Committee) approved consultant posts in Medical Ophthalmology & Ophthalmic Surgery of which 52 posts are filled. The clinical site for each of the filled 52 posts is detailed below in Table 1.

**Table 1: Status of Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) Approved Consultant Ophthalmology Posts**

Specialty	Principal Clinical Site	Filled	Total
Medical Ophthalmology	CHO 3		1
	CHO 6	1	1
	CHO 7	1	1
	CHO 9	1	1
	Cork University Hospital		2
	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	1	1
	Primary Care Donegal	1	1
<b>Medical Ophthalmology Total</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
Ophthalmic Surgery	Beaumont Hospital	1	1
	CHI at Temple St	3	3
	Cork University Hospital	1	1
	Louth County Hospital, Dundalk	1	1
	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	7	7
	Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital	15	16
	Sligo University Hospital	3	3
	South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	4	4
	University Hospital Galway	4	4
	University Hospital Limerick	3	3
	University Hospital Waterford	4	5
University of Limerick Hospitals Group	1	1	
<b>Ophthalmic Surgery Total</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>57</b>



**Definition of Status**

**Filled** - The clinical site has verified that a Consultant currently occupies this post.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah O'Toole".

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