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To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant paediatric ophthalmologists currently working in the public health services in each of the past four years in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Donnelly

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 currently 5 CAAC (Consultant Applications Advisory Committee) approved Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon and Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon s.i. paediatric ophthalmic surgery posts which are all currently filled. The clinical site for each of the 5 filled posts is detailed below in Table 1.

Table 1: CAAC approved Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon and specialty interest Paediatric Ophthalmic Surgery posts as of 07 October 2021			
Title of post	Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Total
Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon	Children's Health Ireland	CHI at Temple St	1
Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon s.i. paediatric ophthalmic surgery	Children's Health Ireland	CHI at Temple St	2
	Ireland East Hospitals Group	Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital	1
	South / South West Hospitals Group	University Hospital Waterford	1
Total number of consultant posts			5

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