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To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant posts including posts filled on a temporary basis or by locum staff by hospital and by hospital group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response

The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 04 May 2021. The cyber-attack in May 2021 has resulted in a significant data backlog and it is not yet possible to provide data after May 2021, until this backlog is cleared.

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

Table 1: Status of Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) approved consultant posts as of 04 May 2021				
	Permanent	Temporary	Agency	Total
Number of Filled Consultant posts	2886	295	77	3258
Number of Consultant posts with an unknown status				24
Number of Consultant posts with a vacant status				331
Total number of CAAC approved consultant posts				3613

Definition of Status

- **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
- **Unknown** - The clinical site has not yet assigned a Consultant to the post or marked the post as vacant

It should be noted that 2021 has seen a surge in the number of posts being approved by the CAAC, and this has resulted in a higher number of vacancies. There is often a significant period of time between approval of a consultant post to an appointee commencing employment.

Table 2: CAAC approved consultant posts by status of tenure and clinical site		Filled by:			Unknown status	Vacant status	Total
Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Agency	Permanent	Temporary			
BreastCheck	Breastcheck - Eccles Unit		12			1	13
	Breastcheck - Merrion Unit		12			1	13
	Breastcheck - Southern Unit		7			2	9
	Breastcheck - Western Unit	1	4			1	6
BreastCheck Total		1	35			5	41
Children's Health Ireland	CHI at Connolly					1	1
	CHI at Crumlin		114		1	16	131
	CHI at Tallaght		5			2	7
	CHI at Temple St		76	3		8	87
	Childrens Hospital Group		1	1			2
Children's Health Ireland Total			196	4	1	27	228
CHO 1	CHO 1			1			1
	Donegal Hospice					1	1
	MHS Cavan / Monaghan		13	1		1	15
	MHS Donegal		8	5			13
	MHS Sligo / Leitrim	2	7	2		1	12
	North West Hospice		1				1
	Older Persons Services Sligo / Leitrim					1	1
CHO 1 Total		2	29	9		4	44
CHO 2	Brothers of Charity Services, Galway		2				2
	CAMHS Galway Roscommon Mayo		9			2	11
	CHO 2					2	2
	MHS Galway / Roscommon		15	5	1		21
	MHS Mayo	1	9				10
CHO 2 Total		1	35	5	1	4	46

Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Agency	Permanent	Temporary	Unknown status	Vacant status	Total
CHO 3	Brothers of Charity, Limerick		1				1
	CHO 3					1	1
	MHS Clare	2	5				7
	MHS Limerick	1	16			2	19
	MHS Tipperary North		1	2		1	4
	Milford Care Centre		3				3
CHO 3 Total		3	26	2		4	35
CHO 4	CAMHS Cork	1	9			2	12
	CHO 4		1			1	2
	MHS Cork North		3	2			5
	MHS Cork North Lee		10	2		1	13
	MHS Cork South Lee		9	4		1	14
	MHS Cork West		3				3
	MHS Kerry	1	7	3			11
CHO 4 Total		2	42	11		5	60
CHO 5	Brothers of Charity Services, South East		1				1
	MHS Carlow / Kilkenny	2	7	1			10
	MHS Tipperary South	3	5				8
	MHS Waterford	3	8	2			13
	MHS Wexford	4	5	2			11
CHO 5 Total		12	26	5			43

Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Agency	Permanent	Temporary	Unknown status	Vacant status	Total
CHO 6	CHO 6		1				1
	Cluain Mhuire (SJOG)		9				9
	Dublin Dental Hospital		2				2
	MHS Dublin South East		8	2			10
	MHS Wicklow		6	1			7
	National Rehabilitation Hospital		9	1	1	4	15
	St John of God		9				9
CHO 6 Total			44	4	1	4	53
CHO 7	Area 3 MHS - St James's		7				7
	CAMHS Linn Dara	2	10	7		1	20
	Cheeverstown House		1				1
	CHO 7		1				1
	HSE Addiction Service		1				1
	MHS Dublin South Central	1	17	4		1	23
	MHS Kildare / West Wicklow	1	9	1			11
	National Drug Treatment Centre	1					1
	Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services		5			3	8
	Public Health Laboratory		1				1
CHO 7 Total		5	52	12		5	74
CHO 8	MHS Laois / Offaly	2	8				10
	MHS Longford / Westmeath	2	6	1			9
	MHS Louth / Meath	3	21	1		1	26
	MHS Midlands	3				1	4
CHO 8 Total		10	35	2		2	49

Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Agency	Permanent	Temporary	Unknown status	Vacant status	Total
CHO 9	CAMHS Dublin North City	1	10	1		2	14
	CHO 9		2				2
	Incorporated Orthopaedic Hospital		1				1
	MHS Dublin North	4	11	1			16
	MHS Dublin North Central	1	6				7
	MHS Dublin North City		8	1		1	10
	MHS Dublin North West	1	7				8
	St Francis Hospice		4				4
	St Mary's, Phoenix Park		1				1
	St Michael's House, Dublin		3	3			6
	St Vincent's Centre, Dublin (DOCS)		5				5
	St Vincent's, Fairview	1				1	2
Substance Abuse Service Specific to Youth (SASSY)			1				1
CHO 9 Total		8	59	6		4	77
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group	Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital		38	1		4	43
	Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise	1	22	3		1	27
	Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore	2	41	6		3	52
	Naas General Hospital		19	2		2	23
	St James's Hospital		185	15		18	218
	St Luke's, Rathgar		20				20
	Tallaght University Hospital		131	9		15	155
Trinity College Dublin		2				2	
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group Total		3	458	36		43	540

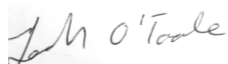
Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site				Unknown status	Vacant status	Total
		Agency	Permanent	Temporary			
Ireland East Hospitals Group	Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital		16	1		1	18
	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital		164	7		14	185
	Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar	1	26	5	1	4	37
	National Maternity Hospital		34	1		3	38
	Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	1	12			2	15
	Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital		22	1			23
	St Columcille's Hospital		14	2		2	18
	St Luke's General Hospital, Carlow/Kilkenny		27	2	4	3	36
	St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire		5	1			6
	St Vincent's University Hospital		137	3	5	7	152
Wexford General Hospital	2	25	2		3	32	
Ireland East Hospitals Group Total		4	482	25	10	39	560
Mental Health Services	Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum		11	3		5	19
Mental Health Services Total			11	3		5	19
Other	Health Protection Surveillance		1				1
	HSE - DML		6				6
	IBTS, Cork		1				1
	IBTS, Dublin		4	1			5
	Marymount Hospice Cork		3				3
	National Ambulance Service		1				1
	Sexual Health Crisis Pregnancy Programme					1	1
Other Total			16	1		1	18

Hospital group/CHO	Principal Clinical Site	Agency	Permanent	Temporary	Unknown status	Vacant status	Total
University of Limerick Hospitals Group	Ennis Hospital		4				4
	Nenagh Hospital		4				4
	St John's Hospital, Limerick		5	4			9
	University Hospital Limerick	3	111	16		7	137
	University Maternity Hospital Limerick		2				2
	University of Limerick Hospitals Group	2	7	11	4	18	42
University of Limerick Hospitals Group Total		5	133	31	4	25	198
Total		77	2886	295	24	331	3613

The following should be noted in relation to the tenures provided above:

- **Permanent** includes Consultants appointed on a permanent basis and Consultants who have obtained a contract of indefinite duration.
- **Temporary** includes fixed term contract holders, specified purposes contract holders and locums. Temporary Consultants includes those who are appointed for reasons such as maternity leave, career break, sick leave etc. or to backfill permanent Consultants who may be seconded to another role e.g. clinical lead, clinical director etc., as well as to fill vacancies.
- **Agency** includes consultants engaged via an agency.

In some instances, there may be more than one consultant assigned to a Consultant post for a variety of reasons (job-sharing, locums etc.). The tenure is determined by the Consultant that was most recently assigned to the post.



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