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To ask the Minister for Health the number of registrars in situ that are undergoing higher specialist training; the number that are not, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

In relation to the appointment of a doctor to the post of Registrar, he /she should have at least 24 months post qualification (completion of internship) experience before being eligible for such an appointment. Training Registrars are generally in the latter stages of Initial Specialist training (IST). The duration of IST is two or three years in most specialties; Psychiatry has a four year IST training programme. Whilst trainees are engaged in IST, they are normally employed at Senior House Officer (SHO) level, though a number are employed at Registrar level during the latter stages of IST i.e. years 3 or 4. Table 4.3 within the most recently published Medical Workforce Report <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-development/met/> outlines the distribution of IST Posts by Year of Training Specialty. Table 4.9 within the Medical Workforce report provides the number of non-training scheme doctor by grade and specialty, including non-training scheme Registrars.

Yours sincerely,

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