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

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Doctors completing Initial Specialist Training (IST/BST) 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 report also provides the number of non-training scheme doctor by grade and specialty, including non-training scheme SHOs.

Yours sincerely,

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