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To ask the Minister for Health the purpose of the senior registrar post; the number of persons in this post who are undergoing or have undergone higher specialist training; the number of persons in this post who are ineligible for higher specialist training; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Senior Registrar is a grade of Higher Specialist Trainee unique to the Specialty of Psychiatry. In order to hold a Senior Registrar post doctors must meet the eligibility criteria for Higher Specialist Training (HST) as set out by the relevant training body accredited by the Medical Council of Ireland. General requirements for entry to HST include completion of Basic Specialist Training (BST) and passing the Colleges Basic Training clinical exams. Further details on the requirements for entry to the Psychiatry HST programme can be found on the Colleges website <https://www.irishpsychiatry.ie/external-affairs-policy/public-information/faqs-about-pgt/>. Table 4.5 within the Medical Workforce report 2021-22 outlines the number of trainees currently undertaking HST, including those on the Psychiatry HST programme <https://www.irishpsychiatry.ie/external-affairs-policy/public-information/faqs-about-pgt/>

Yours sincerely,

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