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To ask the Minister for Health the eligibility requirements to become a senior registrar; 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, however eligibility criteria varies by training programme. 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/>

Yours sincerely,

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