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Deputy David Cullinane
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RE: PQ Ref 17801/22

***To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions since 2013 to date on which there was no applicant for a hospital consultant post at a hospital in South/South West Hospital Group; the location and specialty of the post in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -David Cullinane**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The below information was provided by the National Recruitment Service, however, we were advised that the information requested is not available for the years 2013 and 2014.

Please see table 1 below for information on the number of occasions since 2015 to 2020 on which there was no applicant for a hospital consultant post at a hospital in South/South West Hospital Group. Please note that there was no post in 2021 with no applicants.

Table 1

Year	Position	Hospital
2015	Consultant Clinical Neurophysiologist	Cork University Hospital (32 hpw) Limerick University Hospital (7 hpw)
2016	Consultant in Emergency Medicine	University Hospital Waterford
2017	Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine	Bantry General Hospital
2018	Consultant Gastroenterologist & General Physician	University Hospital Waterford
2018	Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine	University Hospital Kerry
2019	Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine	University Hospital Kerry
2019	Consultant Haematologist (Clinical & Laboratory) at	Cork University Hospital(15.5 hpw) Mallow General Hospital (2hpw) Mercy University Hospital (2hpw)
2019	Consultant Radiologist with Special Interest in Breast Radiology	University Hospital Waterford
2020	Consultant Radiologist with Special Interest in Breast Radiology	University Hospital Waterford

It is important to note that all of the above posts with the exception of the Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine for Bantry General Hospital have been filled. However, this position has since been restructured to a General Physician post and is currently filled on a temporary basis.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerry O'Dwyer". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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