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Deputy Paul Kehoe
Dáil Eireann
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To ask the Minister for Health the total number of medical consultants employed by the HSE who hold permanent posts who are not on the Medical Council specialist register but were appointed and deemed suitably qualified by the Public Appointments Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response

The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 03 May 2022. DIME is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites. As DIME is a live system it must be noted that there can be variances in the figures published dependent on the run date of the report as entries can be made with a retrospective date.

In March 2009 the HSE amended the qualifications specified for consultant posts to reflect the introduction of a new Register by the Medical Council arising from the Medical Practitioners Act 2007. All consultants appointed by the National Recruitment Service (who were hired in conjunction with the Public Appointments Service) were on the Medical Council specialist register at the time of their appointment.

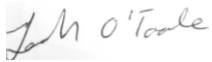
Table 1: Number of Consultant Posts filled by Permanent post holders that are not on the specialist division of the register as at 03 May 2022

	Permanent
Number of permanent filled CAAC Approved Consultant Posts	37
Number of Consultant Posts filled that are not approved by CAAC	10
Total number of <u>permanent</u> Consultants not on the specialist division of the register	47

Definition of Status

Filled	The clinical site has verified that a Consultant currently occupies this post.
Posts filled but not approved by CAAC	There are a number of posts which have not been regulated by the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC). This can be for a number reasons which include short-term service demands or the site has not yet submitted an application to CAAC.

Yours sincerely,



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