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PQ 4832/22 Deputy David Cullinane- To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical specialist trainee places across the State by specialty in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your representation. Please find a table below that outlines the categories and numbers of medical specialist trainee places across the state. An outline of the abbreviations are provided below the table:

| Number of NCHDs in formal Training schemes | 2021/2022 Training Year |
|--|-------------------------|
| Interns | 854 |
| BST | 1,845 |
| HST | 2,147 |
| IMGTI Scholarships | 129 |
| Post CSCST Fellowships | 50 |
| Total Training NCHDs | 5,025* |

**Includes a small number of trainees who are undertaking a period of approved out of programme leave during training to undertake research, clinical training posts abroad, approved programme leave & a small number of trainees who are repeating a year of training for various reasons e.g. Sick leave, maternity leave/remediation/completing examination requirements*

- BST: Basic Medical Training
- HST: Higher Medical Training
- IMGTI: Ireland operates the International Medical Graduate Programme (IMGTI) programme, which is a training programme for doctors on a formal training programme in developing countries (currently Pakistan and Sudan) whereby they come to Ireland, ordinarily for a period of two years, receive structured training, and then return home to strengthen the health systems of their country of origin.
- Post CSCST Fellowships: Post CSCST Fellowships allow Doctors who have completed their specialty training to complete sub-specialist training in Ireland beyond that available in the national specialist training programmes



I hope this provides you with assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Hayden', written in a cursive style.

Sharon Hayden
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