



By Email Only

Deputy Catherine Connolly

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Leinster House

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PQ 5563-22- Deputy Catherine Connolly-to ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No 175 of 14 October 2021, the number of recruitment campaigns launched to date for the 34 whole time equivalent consultant in public health medicine posts which are due to be in place by June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

The Public Health Reform Programme – Consultant Recruitment Working Group have made significant progress driving the necessary approvals and processes to support recruitment of the 34 WTE Phase 1 Consultant in Public Health Medicine posts in line with the agreement between the Department of Health, Irish Medical Organisation and Health Service Executive. Campaigns for all 34 WTE posts were launched between September and December 2021; 10 posts are currently in pre-employment clearances and 24 posts are at candidate selection phase.

Campaign	WTE	Campaign Launch Date
National Director Public Health	1	10/09/2021
Area Directors of Public Health	6	24/09/2021
Director of National Health Protection	1	15/10/2021
Consultant in Public Health Medicine – National Health Protection Immunisations	1	15/10/2021
Consultant in Public Health Medicine – National Health Protection Threat Programmes & Preparedness	1	15/10/2021
Consultant in Public Health Medicine – National Health Protection Acute Operations Response	1	15/10/2021
Consultant in Public Health Medicine – National Health Protection Surveillance	1	15/10/2021
Consultants in Public Health Medicine – Special Interest Health Protection	18	05/11/2021
Consultant in Public Health Medicine – Child Health	1	24/12/2021
Consultant in Public Health Medicine – Cancer Service Improvement	1	24/12/2021



Consultant in Public Health Medicine – Screening Services	1	24/12/2021
Consultant in Public Health Medicine – Chronic Conditions	1	24/12/2021

Progress is currently on track to support onboarding in line with target, subject to key dependencies including availability of the senior Interview Board Nominees required for robust selection process and candidate engagement with the pre-employment clearance processes.

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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