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Deputy Bernard Durkin
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PQ 8419/22 – *To ask the Minister for Health his plans to further increase the number of hospital consultants throughout the country with a view to ensuring an adequate spread of skills throughout the regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Bernard J. Durkan

Dear Deputy Durkan,

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.

I wish to advise you that the service developments planned for 2022 are outlined in the HSE's National Service Plan 2022 which was published this week. Investment through the National Cancer Care Programme, the National Women and Infants Health Programme, the National Trauma Office, Enhanced Community Care and for Long Covid includes recruitment of new consultants across acute and community services.

Please note that in the National Service Plan 2021, Acute Operations invested in 145 new consultant posts across a range of specialties which are in the process of recruitment.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory
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