



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

Deputy David Cullinane  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

Ref: PQ 9286/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant applications advisory committee approved consultant posts on 1 January in each of the years 2016 to 2022.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The data contained in this response is extracted from the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) Annual Report. Which is published annually on the NDTP Website:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-velopment/met/consultantapplications/rep1/>

The table below provides the number of consultant posts approved by CAAC as at 31<sup>st</sup> December each year from 2016 to December 2021:

Specialty	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Anaesthesiology	366	370	381	395	402	436
Emergency Medicine	95	96	109	112	113	134
Intensive Care Medicine	21	23	25	27	34	44
Medicine	708	734	770	791	836	1014
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	147	155	163	174	182	193
Paediatrics	183	194	212	223	232	246
Pathology	264	271	285	294	303	344
Psychiatry	440	451	472	493	483	504
Radiology (Incl. Radiation Oncology)	282	285	298	311	318	347
Surgery	487	501	519	534	550	585
<b>Total</b>	<b>2993</b>	<b>3080</b>	<b>3234</b>	<b>3354</b>	<b>3453</b>	<b>3847</b>

Yours sincerely,

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