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Deputy David Cullinane  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
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Ref: PQ 9652/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of Consultant Applications Advisory Committee-approved consultant posts across each specialty by location; the basis on which they are filled as per the doctors integrated management E-system by discipline and tenure; the number on post-2012 pay rates; the number of each type of contract, that is, Sláintecare public-only, A, B and C across specialties filled and or allocated for all posts in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 01 March 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.

Data is based on the start date of the post holder. This however does not necessarily infer that consultants appointed after 01 October 2012 are being paid as 'New Entrants'. For example, some consultants may have been interviewed prior to 01 October 2012 however, their actual start date may have been after this date. They would have therefore been eligible to be placed on the pre 01 October 2012 pay scales.

The contract type identified in the data may in a small number of cases be different to the contract type held by the post holder.

Table 1: Number of Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) approved Consultant Posts as at 1 March 2022				
	Permanent	Agency	Temp / Locum	Total
Number of Filled Consultant Posts	3036	66	353	3455
Number of Consultant Posts with an unknown status				6
Number of Consultant Posts with a vacant status				111
Number of vacant newly created Consultant Posts (posts never filled)				308
<b>Total number of CAAC Approved Consultant Posts</b>				<b>3880</b>
<b>Total number of consultant posts filled not approved by CAAC</b>				<b>133</b>


Definition of Status	
<b>Filled</b>	The clinical site has verified that a Consultant currently occupies this post.
<b>Vacant</b>	Recruitment for the post may be underway but the clinical site has verified on DIME that this is currently a vacant post. An appointment may have been made to a number of these vacancies with a prospective start date. It should be noted that there is often a significant period of time between approval of a consultant post through CAAC to the commencement of the recruitment process and ultimately the recruitment of a Consultant to a post. The vacancy figure includes a combination of posts that have previously been filled but have become vacant and posts that have never been filled.
<b>Unknown</b>	The clinical site has not yet assigned a Consultant to the post or marked the post as vacant.
<b>Posts filled but not approved by CAAC</b>	There are a number of posts which have not been regulated by 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.

**Table 2: Number of filled CAAC approved Consultant Posts by : Medical Discipline, Contract Type, Tenure, Pre & Post October 2012 as at 1 March 2022**

Medical Discipline	Contract Type	Post Oct 2012			Pre Oct 2012			Total
		Agency	Permanent	Temp / Locum	Agency	Permanent	Temp / Locum	
Anaesthesiology	Type A		2	3		4	1	10
	Type B	1	144	25		116	6	292
	Type C		5			10		15
	Other	1	12		1	73		87
<b>Anaesthesiology Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>404</b>
Emergency Medicine	Type A		34	12		35	1	82
	Type B	1	16	8		5		30
	Other		3			8		11
<b>Emergency Medicine Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>123</b>
Intensive Care Medicine	Type A		3					3
	Type B		25			4	1	30
	Type C					1		1
	Other		1			2		3
<b>Intensive Care Medicine Total</b>			<b>29</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>
Medicine	Type A		30	9		21		60
	Type B	2	298	84		268	7	659
	Type C		14			8		22
	Other	8	28	1	1	91		129
<b>Medicine Total</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>870</b>
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Type A		1			1		2
	Type B	1	75	10		50	1	137
	Type C		4					4
	Other	2	3			31		36
<b>Obstetrics &amp; Gynaecology Total</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>82</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>179</b>
Paediatrics	Type A		1	1		5		7

	Type B		102	14	1	87		204
	Other	2	5	1	2	2		12
<b>Paediatrics Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>223</b>
Pathology	Type A			1		4		5
	Type B	1	119	19		109	2	250
	Type C		1					1
	Other	1	16			24		41
<b>Pathology Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>137</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>297</b>
Psychiatry	Type A	8	170	46	3	147	14	388
	Type B		2	1		11		14
	Type C		1			1		2
	Other	16	7	4	5	23		55
<b>Psychiatry Total</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>459</b>
Radiology	Type A		1	1				2
	Type B	2	106	16		82	4	210
	Type C		4			13		17
	Other	1	18	1	2	58		80
<b>Radiology Total</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>309</b>
Surgery	Type A		3			2		5
	Type B	1	180	45		97	5	328
	Type C		27	4		26	1	58
	Other	3	24	3		132	1	163
<b>Surgery Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>52</b>		<b>257</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>554</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>1485</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1551</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>3455</b>

Yours sincerely,



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