



10th February 2022

Deputy David Cullinane
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of Consultant Applications Advisory Committee-approved consultant posts across each speciality; the basis on which they are filled as per DIME by discipline and tenure including the number on post-2012 pay rates; the number of each type of contract, that is, A, B and C across specialities filled and or allocated for all posts; the number of posts budgeted for which have yet to be CAAC-approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

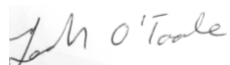
The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 7th February 2022. DIME is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical 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.

Table 1: Number of Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) approved Consultant Posts as at 7th February 2022				
	Permanent	Agency	Temp / Locum	Total
Number of Filled Consultant Posts	3019	66	354	3439
Number of Consultant Posts with an unknown status				5
Number of Consultant Posts with a vacant status				111
Number of vacant newly created Consultant Posts (posts never filled).				301
Total number of CAAC Approved Consultant Posts				3856
Total number of Consultant posts filled but not approved by CAAC				133
Note: 249 of the total vacancies have been newly created within the last 12 months and recruitment is underway.				
A comparison of the data in February 2021 reveals an increase of 226 filled consultant posts.				

Table 2: Number of filled CAAC approved Consultant Posts by : Medical Discipline, Contract Type, Tenure, Pre & Post 2012 as at 7th February 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	140	26		117	7	291
	Type C		5			10		15
	Other	1	12		1	73		87
Anaesthesiology Total		2	159	29	1	204	8	403
Emergency Medicine	Type A		33	13		35	1	82
	Type B	1	16	8		5		30
	Other		3			8		11
Emergency Medicine Total		1	52	21		48	1	123
Intensive Care Medicine	Type A		3					3
	Type B		24			4	1	29
	Type C					1		1
	Other		1			2		3
Intensive Care Medicine Total			28			7	1	36
Medicine	Type A		29	9		21		59
	Type B	2	291	81		269	8	651
	Type C		14			8		22
	Other	7	28	1	1	92		129
Medicine Total		9	362	91	1	390	8	861
Obstetrics & Gynaecology	Type A		1			1		2
	Type B	1	73	10		49	2	135
	Type C		4					4
	Other	2	3			31		36
Obstetrics & Gynaecology Total		3	81	10		81	2	177
Paediatrics	Type A		1	1		5		7
	Type B		101	13	1	87	1	203
	Other	2	5	1	2	2		12
Paediatrics Total		2	107	15	3	94	1	222
Pathology	Type A			1		4		5
	Type B	1	118	19		109	2	249
	Type C		1					1
	Other	1	17			24		42
Pathology Total		2	136	20		137	2	297
Psychiatry	Type A	9	170	45	3	148	13	388
	Type B		1	1		11		13
	Type C					1		1
	Other	16	7	4	5	24		56
Psychiatry Total		25	178	50	8	184	13	458

Medical Discipline	Contract Type	Post Oct 2012			Pre Oct 2012			Total
		Agency	Permanent	Temp / Locum	Agency	Permanent	Temp / Locum	
Radiology	Type A		1	1				2
	Type B	2	104	15		84	4	209
	Type C		4			13		17
	Other	1	16	1	2	62		82
Radiology Total		3	125	17	2	159	4	310
Surgery	Type A		3			2		5
	Type B	1	174	47		96	6	324
	Type C		27	4		26	1	58
	Other	3	25	3		134		165
Surgery Total		4	229	54		258	7	552
Total		51	1457	307	15	1562	47	3439



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