



19th July 2022

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ Ref: 37451/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant applications advisory committee approved consultant posts as per the doctors' integrated management e-system; the total number of posts filled on a permanent, temporary, agency, and locum basis in tabular form; the number of vacant posts, broken down by hospital group; the number of newly created posts which are vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response

We note that this PQ is the same as the previously issued response in June to PQ 31525/22 "To ask the Minister for Health the number of Consultant Applications Advisory Committee approved consultant posts as per Doctors Integrated Management E-System by location, speciality, the basis on which they are filled and by tenure in tabular form; the number of posts filled and vacancies arising in May 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter." The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 03 May 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: Total number of CAAC Approved Posts as at 03.05.2022

Filled	Unknown Status	Vacant	Vacant Posts with a future start date	Newly created service posts under recruitment	Total
3454	6	124	23	326	3933

Table 2: Total number of approved consultant posts which are filled by tenure as at 03.05.2022

Total number of filled permanent approved Consultant posts	3051
Total number of filled Temp / Locum approved Consultant posts	342
Total number of filled agency approved Consultant posts	61
Total:	3454

Table 3: Total number of vacant consultant posts by Hospital Group/CHO as at 03.05.2022

Hospital Group/CHO	Unknown	Vacant	Vacant Posts with future start date	Newly created service posts under recruitment	Total
BreastCheck		2		4	6
Children's Health Ireland		10		37	47
CHO 1		2		8	10
CHO 2		3		6	9
CHO 3		3		3	6
CHO 4		5		9	14
CHO 5	1	2		2	5
CHO 6	2	6	1	4	13
CHO 7		4		3	7
CHO 8	1	2		1	4
CHO 9	1	6		2	9
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group		10		54	64
Ireland East Hospitals Group		16	10	63	89
Mental Health Services				3	3
RCSI Hospitals Group		14	3	23	40
Saolta Hospitals Group	1	15	1	41	58
South / South West Hospitals Group		17	6	45	68
University of Limerick Hospitals Group		7	2	17	26
Other				1	1
Total	6	124	23	326	479

Definitions

Approved: The post has been approved through the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) process.

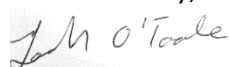
Filled: The clinical site has verified that a Consultant currently occupies this post.

Vacant: 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.

Unknown: The clinical site has not yet assigned a Consultant to the post or marked the post as vacant.

Newly created service posts under recruitment: Newly approved CAAC posts that are currently undergoing recruitment and are at various stages of the process. These posts have never been filled previously.

Yours sincerely,



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