



19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Deputy David Cullinane  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

PQ ref: 37453/22

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant posts filled and the number which became vacant in June 2022**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

**National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response**

We note that this PQ contains the same data in the response provided to PQ 37451 in July 2022. The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 03 May 2022 and 07 June 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.

Date of Data	Filled	Unknown Status	Vacant	Vacant Posts with a future start date	Newly created service posts under recruitment	Total
03.05.2022	3454	6	124	23	326	<b>3933</b>
07.06.2022	3456	4	144	15	348	<b>3963</b>

The annual Medical Workforce report 2021-2022 is available on our website and provides an overview of the publicly funded medical workforce in Ireland and includes an annual assessment of both consultant and NCHD posts in the health system which you may find helpful:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-development/met/ndtp-workforce-report-2021-20221.pdf>

## Definitions

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

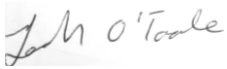
**Filled:** The clinical site has verified that a Consultant currently occupies this post.

**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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