



19th July 2022

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical intern posts made available for 2022/2023; the number of posts filled; the number of posts unfilled; his plans to fill any outstanding unfilled posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response

854 medical Intern posts are available for the 2022/23 training year. There are currently 822 filled Intern posts, with recruitment still in progress.

The matching process for Intern posts for 2022 concluded in June following all eligible candidates, including all those on the reserve list, receiving an intern post offer. As a number of vacancies remained, a supplementary reserve list has been created in an effort to fill the remaining Intern posts.

Candidates in the following categories have been contacted by the HSE National Recruitment Service (NRS) and asked if they wish to be considered for the supplementary reserve list:

- 1) Applicants who have already been deemed eligible for an Intern post in 2022 but subsequently withdrew their application from the matching process or rejected an earlier offer
- 2) Graduates who contacted NRS advising that they missed the Stage 1 and/or Stage 2 application deadlines of this year's recruitment process
- 3) Graduates of Irish Medical Schools who did not engage in this year's recruitment process and are within the last two years of graduation

NRS are currently offering the remaining unfilled Intern posts from this supplementary reserve list, following validation of eligibility and a matching process as per the current recruitment guidelines. The recruitment to Intern posts for 2022 from this supplementary reserve list is still in progress.

Yours sincerely,

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