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To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of whole-time equivalent surgeons employed in public hospitals by hospital group, hospital and specialty; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The National Doctors Training Programme (NDTP) have provided the below data which is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 01 March 2022. I am advised by NDTP that 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.

I am advised that Table 1 below provides the number of Consultant Surgeons employed regardless of whether they are filling a post approved by the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC). In some instances, there may be more than one consultant assigned to a consultant post for a variety of reasons (job-sharing, locums etc.), at all times the combined post occupancy for the given post cannot exceed 1 WTE.



Table 1: Number of Consultant Surgeons employed by Hospital Group and Specialty as at 01 March 2022:

Speciality	BreastChe ck	CHI	CHO 6	DMH G	IEHG	RCSI HG	Saolta HG	SSW HG	ULH G	Total
Cardiothoracic Surgery		3		6	6		5	3		23
General Surgery	8			35	38	28	29	36	14	188
Neurosurgery		3		1		11		4		19
Ophthalmic Surgery		6			24	1	7	10	4	52
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery			1	5			2	2	2	12
Orthopaedic Surgery		10		20	20	18	22	23	10	123
Otolaryngology		6		10	11	10	8	10	6	61
Paediatric Surgery		9								9
Plastic Surgery		4		5	7	6	6	7		35
Urology				7	10	14	10	9	4	54
Total	8	41	1	89	116	88	89	104	40	576

Of the 576 Consultant Surgeons currently employed in public hospitals, 28 of these occupy unapproved posts.

Definition of Status	
Posts filled but not approved by CAAC	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.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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