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Peadar Tóibín  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2.

***PQ14405/22 To ask the Minister for Health the average number of hours which medical consultants and doctors work per week in public hospitals. -Peadar Tóibín***

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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.

I am advised by National HR that the information requested is not collected. I am advised that medical consultants work their contracted hours which, for consultants employed on a full time basis, are 39 hours (for those on Type A, B or C contracts) or 37 hours per week (in the case of those on a Category 1 or Category 2 contact), plus on call hours in addition to this. Some consultant teams may also work additional hours on site as structured overtime on Saturdays and Sundays. NCHDs are contracted to work 39 hours per week and will also work on call hours to cover hospital and other services overnight and at the weekend.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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