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Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill  
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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of non-EU doctors who applied for a place on higher surgical and clinical training in the past five years; the number who were successful in getting a place in the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Carroll MacNeill,

Please find recruitment figures relating the National Surgical Training programme in tabular form below which includes the number of Non-EU doctors who applied and were appointed onto the Surgical Training Programme over the past five years. Please note that since 2013 RCSI introduced a “run through” training programme to shorten the overall length of training. This means that trainees who enter CST (Core Surgical Training) continue in the training programme and progress into higher specialist training based on competitive assessment at the end of core training.

**Table 1 Recruitment to Surgical Training 2018-2020**

Training Year		No. eligible applicants <sup>1</sup>	No. interviewed	Approved Intake into training programme <sup>2</sup>	No. Appointed	No. of EU trainees appointed No. Non EU who hold Stamp 4 EUFAM No. Non EU who hold Stamp 4 by virtue of marriage or dependency <sup>3</sup>	No. of Non EU trainees appointed
2018/19	Surgery CST	100	95	60	60	60	0
2019/20	Surgery CST	114	110	60	60	60	0
2020/21	Surgery CST	153	130	60	60	59	1

<sup>1</sup>Eligible applicants are all those who fulfil the Training body's eligibility criteria. All eligible applicants irrespective of EU or Non EU status are invited for interview.

<sup>2</sup> Each year the HSE approves the number of training posts that are required by the health service for the subsequent training year based on a number of factors including Medical workforce planning projections; the training capacity within the health system; the attrition rate in the relevant training programme

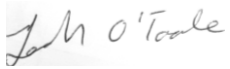
<sup>3</sup> Please note prior to 2021 the data requested was not categorised in the format requested

**Table 2 Recruitment to Surgical Training 2021 & 2022**

Training Year		No. eligible applicants	No. Eligible Non EU applicants <sup>3</sup>	No. interviewed	No. Non EU applicants Interviewed	Approved Intake into training	No. Appointed	No. of EU trainees appointed	No. of Non EU trainees appointed
2021/22	Surgery CST	232	83	212	81	80	80	70	10
2022/23	Surgery CST	244	87	228	85	80	80	66	14

<sup>3</sup> Prior to 2021 the Training body did not collect EU/non EU status within their application process

Yours sincerely,



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