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PQ 15219/22 To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant neurologists with a special interest in migraine working in the public health services in each of the past two years; and the hospitals in which these consultants are based. -Darren O'Rourke, due date: 1st April 2022

Dear Deputy O' Rourke,

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.

The qualifications specified by the HSE require that consultants be registered as Specialist on the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Practitioners maintained by the Medical Council in Ireland in the relevant speciality. At present there is no title of Consultant Neurologist with a special interest in migraine.

The Table below provides the number of Consultant Neurologists working in the public health services, of which three occupy unapproved posts*.



Total Number of Consultant Neurologists as at 01.03.2022				
	Principal Clinical Site	1 WTE	<1 WTE	Total
Neurology	Beaumont Hospital	6	4	10
	Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown	1		1
	Cork University Hospital	6		6
	Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	4	3	7
	Sligo University Hospital	2		2
	St James's Hospital	5		5
	St Vincent's University Hospital	5		5
	Tallaght University Hospital	2	6	8
	University Hospital Galway	4		4
	University Hospital Limerick	2		2
	University Hospital Waterford	1		1
	University of Limerick Hospitals Group	2		2
Total		40	13	53

Definition of Status	
*Unapproved posts	There are a number of posts which have not been regulated by the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC). This can be for a number of 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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