



16 February 2023

Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ Number: 6144/23

Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants at each acute hospital across the State for the years 2016 to 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn,

The data in the attached is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system). 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. Consultant data is only available since 2018.

Table 1: Number of consultants employed in Acute Services only as at each year end.	
Year	No.
2018	2713
2019	2821
2020	2994
2021	3152
2022	3327
As at 31/01/2023	3328

An assessment of consultant and NCHD posts in the health system is produced annually and published on the HSE website at the following location: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-development/met/plan/>

Yours sincerely,

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