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Question:

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant posts that have been approved by the HSE consultant applications advisory committee (CAAC) for model 3 and model 4 hospitals in each of the six HSE health regions in 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of consultant posts that are currently awaiting formal approval by the HSE CAAC, broken down by HSE health region; and the reason so few consultant posts have been approved for hospitals in the HSE mid west region over these periods.” - David Cullinane.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Please see tables below which shows the number of posts considered by CAAC and subsequently approved for each health region and model type for years 2023 to February 2025. Health Regions were only introduced on DIME system during Q4, 2024, therefore Table 1 below provides the breakdown for year 2023 by Hospital Group /CHO.

The data in the table below is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 25 February 2025. 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.

Table 1: 2023 Consultant Posts CAAC Approvals per HG/CHO and Hospital Model Type				
Hospital Group/CHO	Model 4	Model 3	Other	Total
BreastCheck	0	0	11	11
Children's Health Ireland	0	0	46	46
Community Healthcare Organisations	0	0	44	44
Corporate	0	0	56	56
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group	47	13	10	70
Ireland East Hospitals Group	51	17	14	82
RCSI Hospitals Group	25	21	4	50
Saolta Hospitals Group	28	40	1	69
South / South West Hospitals Group	55	22	20	97
University of Limerick Hospitals Group	8	0	1	9
Other	0	0	3	3
Total	214	113	210	537

Table 2: 2024 Consultant Posts CAAC Approvals per Health Region and Hospital Model Type				
Health Region	Model 4	Model 3	Other	Total
BreastCheck	0	0	4	4
Corporate	0	0	5	5
HSE Dublin & Midlands	29	17	24	70
HSE Dublin & North East	37	38	30	105
HSE Dublin & South East	28	13	16	57
HSE Mid West Region	4	0	1	5
HSE South West	19	8	16	43
HSE West & North West	21	18	18	57
Total	138	94	114	346

Table 3: 2025 Consultant Posts CAAC Approvals per Health Region and Hospital Model Type				
Health Region	Model 4	Model 3	Other	Total
Corporate	0	0	1	1
HSE Dublin & Midlands	0	2	3	5
HSE Dublin & North East	0	5	1	6
HSE Dublin & South East	4	2	4	10
HSE Mid West	5	0	4	9
HSE South West	2	1	4	7
HSE West & North West	1	0	1	2
Total	12	10	18	40

The Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) meet monthly and therefore any complete applications submitted will be brought to the next available meeting. All completed applications submitted by HSE mid west Region were approved.

The following is a breakdown by Health Region of the applications to be considered at the next meeting on 11 March 2025.

Number of Applications for CAAC Consideration March 2025	
HSE Dublin & South East Region	6
HSE Dublin & Midlands Region	2
HSE Mid West Region	13
HSE Dublin & North East Region	2

Yours sincerely,

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