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Deputy Barry Heneghan  
Dáil Éireann  
Kildare Street  
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**PQ Number:** PQ8631 25

**Question:** To ask the Minister for Health the number of new ophthalmology posts approved as part of the budgetary process for each of the years 2021 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Barry Heneghan

Dear Deputy Heneghan,

The data below was extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) with a run date of 31st December 2024. 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.

Total new Consultant Application Advisory Committee (CAAC) Approved Consultant Ophthalmic Posts 2021 - 2024					
Specialty	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Medical Ophthalmology	4	3	1	0	8
Ophthalmic Surgery	2	1	5	6	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>

Yours sincerely,

Leah O'Toole

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