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***PQ 37955/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the level of Saturday activity occurring due to the public-only consultant contract across each specialty for each statutory and section 38 hospital, by health region, in 2024 and to date in 2025. -David Cullinane***

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

In order to respond to the query you have raised this office contacted the National Doctors Training Programme (NDTP) to determine if the requested information is available centrally.

The NDTP leads in the provision of key information and analysis of the medical workforce and supports the Health Sector in planning for the appropriate levels of trained doctors in the future. This planning, in turn, guides NDTP's work with the Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies to facilitate the development and promotion of training programmes to provide a skilled workforce that meets the current and future needs of the Health Service.

The NDTP use an electronic system referred to as DIME - Doctor's Integrated Management E-system. DIME is a quadripartite system which encompasses National Doctors Training & Planning (NDTP), the Irish Medical Council, the Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies and Clinical Sites. The DIME system continues to be upgraded and developed on an on-going basis and currently consists of eight separate modules. Further details are available on their website by accessing the following link: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/leadership-education-development/met/database/>

At present there is work ongoing to further develop data collection inclusive of data related to your question. These developments will enable and allow facility for reporting on such data. This new module has yet to go live and it will take time for sites to upload all information to the system. It is anticipated that by quarter four 2025 the module will be at the "go live" point.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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