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PQ 29149/25 - To ask the Minister for Health to confirm, given that over 60% of hospital consultants have now signed the new contracts which significantly enhances their salary and contains a clause on weekend working, the number of hospital consultants that are now rostered for duty on weekends in the overall band 3 and 4 acute, secondary-care hospitals funded by the HSE (including voluntary hospitals in Dublin), categorised by speciality and for each hospital (details supplied). -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn

Details Supplied: (This figure is exclusive of consultants who are rostered for on-call cover.)

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn,

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 in relation to the numbers of medical consultants who have signed new contracts and other key metrics. 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.

Details regarding on call for each consultant employed are held locally with the manpower managers at clinical site level within individual hospitals. This is not a centralised function within the organisation at this juncture. In addition, medical rosters / work schedules are not held centrally.



I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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