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Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 5th June 2025.

HSE Mid West operates under the auspices of the national HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy 2024, where WTE (whole time equivalent) baseline ceilings are founded on the 31st December 2023 position. The HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy has been approved by the Department of Health and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

Under the strategy, the HSE Mid West Region has been provided with its own specified number of WTEs and can, within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts. This provides greater flexibility for health regions to respond to the needs of the population and prioritise posts appropriately.

The below table outlines the number of consultants per 100,000 of the population as per the specialties requested according to the Medical Workforce Analysis Report conducted by National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP).

Table 1 illustrates number of consultants per 100,000 within the Mid West for specialities Identifies:

Anaesthesiology per 100,000	Obstetrics / Gynaecology per 100,000	Radiology per 1000,000	Pathology per 100,000	Surgery Per 100,000
6.8	3.1	4.8	3.9	10.9

In terms of additionality, there are currently 23 new posts being directly recruited / for recruitment in 2026



Table 2:

Speciality	consultant post
Radiology	Consultant Radiologist x 2
Histopathology	Consultant Histopathologist x 2
Medical Oncology	Consultant Oncologist x 1
Cardiology	Consultant Cardiologist x 1
Anaesthesiology	Consultant Anaesthetist x 6
Neurology	Consultant Neurologist s.i Stroke x 1
Geriatric Medicine	Consultant Geriatrician x 2
Surgery	Consultant Surgeon x 4
General Medicine	Consultant Physician x 4

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind Regards,

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