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Deputy David Cullinane
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PQ 31458/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants paid in bands (details supplied) on an annual basis from the access to care fund from 2021 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Response:

Access to Care funding is targeted funding available to hospitals for waiting list initiatives and measures to increase capacity and assist with reform and innovation. This funding is released to the individual hospitals directly.

From 2021 to 2024, recurrent Access to Care funding was used to employ c. 92 Consultants across the acute and community health care system. As this funding is released directly to each hospital, the payments to each Consultant by band is not currently available at National level. It should be noted that these Access to Care funded Consultants form part of the hospitals' overall whole time equivalent headcount, supporting the delivery of core activity.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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