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Question:

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant hospital consultant posts, by clinical principal site, in each of the years since 2019, in tabular form. -Pádraig Rice”

Dear Deputy Rice,

Please see table below which shows the number of vacant hospital Consultant posts, by principal clinical site, for years 2019 to December 2024.

The data in the table below is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 31st December 2024. 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.

| Principal Clinical Site | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Area 3 MHS - St James's | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ballincollig Primary Care Centre | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Bantry General Hospital | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Beaumont Hospital | 1 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 26 | 6 |
| CAMHS - Clonskeagh Hospital | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| CAMHS Cork | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| CAMHS Dublin North City | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| CAMHS Galway Roscommon Mayo | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| CAMHS Linn Dara | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Cavan General Hospital | 1 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 9 |
| Central Mental Hospital, Dundrum | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Central Mental Hospital, Portrane | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Cheeverstown House | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CHI at Connolly | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHI at Crumlin | 12 | 13 | 16 | 27 | 21 | 22 |
| CHI at Tallaght | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| CHI at Temple St | 2 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 12 | 8 |

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| Childrens Hospital Group | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| CHO 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| CHO 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| CHO 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CHO 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| CHO 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CHO DNCC – ICPOP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Cluain Mhuire (SJOG) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 3 |
| Cork University Hospital | 12 | 16 | 26 | 48 | 38 | 26 |
| Cork University Maternity Hospital | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Ennis Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| HSE Addiction Service DNCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| HSE Corporate - National Public Health | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 5 |
| HSE Corporate, National Health Protection | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Incorporated Orthopaedic Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Daughters of Charity | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Letterkenny University Hospital | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| Mallow General Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Mater Misericordiae University Hospital | 7 | 7 | 14 | 37 | 24 | 13 |
| Mayo University Hospital | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Mercy University Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 4 |
| MHS Carlow / Kilkenny | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| MHS Cavan / Monaghan | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| MHS Clare | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| MHS Cork North Lee | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| MHS Cork South Lee | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| MHS Cork West | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| MHS Donegal | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| MHS Dublin North | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| MHS Dublin North City | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| MHS Dublin North West | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| MHS Dublin South Central | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 2 |
| MHS Dublin South East | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| MHS Galway / Roscommon | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| MHS Kildare / West Wicklow | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| MHS Laois / Offaly | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| MHS Kerry | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| MHS Limerick | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| MHS Longford / Westmeath | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| MHS Louth / Meath | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| MHS Mayo | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| MHS Midlands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| MHS Sligo / Leitrim | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| MHS Tipperary North | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| MHS Waterford | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

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| MHS Wexford | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| MHS Wicklow | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 |
| Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 6 |
| Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore | 3 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| Monaghan Hospital | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Naas General Hospital | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| National Maternity Hospital | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| National Public Health | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2 |
| National Rehabilitation Hospital | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| National Virus Reference Laboratory | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| North West Hospice | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nenagh Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Older Persons Services Cavan / Monaghan | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Older Persons Services Donegal | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Older Persons Services Sligo / Leitrim | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda | 7 | 7 | 12 | 16 | 12 | 4 |
| Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Our Lady's Hospital, Navan | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe | 2 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 2 |
| Public Health Area A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Public Health Area B | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Public Health Area C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Public Health Area D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Public Health Area E | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Public Health Area F | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Primary Care Cavan / Monaghan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Roscommon University Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Primary Care Donegal | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rotunda Hospital | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Royal Victoria Eye & Ear Hospital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Sexual Health Crisis Pregnancy Programme | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sligo University Hospital | 4 | 4 | 8 | 13 | 8 | 8 |
| South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| St James's Hospital | 4 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 9 |
| St John of God | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| St John's Hospital, Limerick | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| St Luke's General Hospital, Carlow/Kilkenny | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| St Luke's, Rathgar | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| St Mary's, Phoenix Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| St Michael's House, Dublin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| St Vincent's University Hospital | 5 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 14 | 8 |
| St Vincent's, Fairview | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Tallaght University Hospital | 4 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 24 | 15 |
| Tipperary University Hospital (TippUH) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| University Hospital Galway | 11 | 11 | 18 | 29 | 32 | 30 |

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| University Hospital Kerry | 3 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 2 |
| University Hospital Limerick | 13 | 14 | 21 | 27 | 20 | 11 |
| University Hospital Waterford | 3 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 18 | 12 |
| Wexford General Hospital | 4 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 7 | 4 |
| Total | 153 | 174 | 295 | 471 | 526 | 328 |

**2022 – 2024 Total includes Public Health Medicine vacant posts*

Yours sincerely,

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