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Deputy Matt Carthy TD

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PQ11983/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE neurological specialists, by title, by CHO region for each month since January 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ11984/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies for WTE neurological specialists, by title, by CHO region; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

The data in Tables 1 & 2 that follow have been extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) 31st December 2019 - 2024. The data includes both permanent and locum/temporary consultants and the data is based per principal clinical site. 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.

Additionally in relation to vacant posts recruitment for the post may be underway but the clinical site has verified on DIME that this is currently a vacant post. An appointment may have been made to a number of these vacancies with a prospective start date. It should be noted that there is often a significant period of time between approval of a consultant post through CAAC to the commencement of the recruitment



process and ultimately the recruitment of a Consultant to a post. The vacancy figure includes a combination of posts that have previously been filled but have become vacant and posts that have never been filled.

Table 1: Total Consultant Neurologists at each year from 2019 - 2024, by Hospital Group/CHO, Headcount and WTE												
Hospital Group/CHO	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group	9		11	9.72	12	10.72	13	12.22	17	14	18	15.50
Ireland East Hospitals Group	12	9	10	8.5	11	8.5	12	11.5	14	13	14	13
RCSI Hospitals Group	11	7.65	11	8.15	11	8.82	11	7.82	12	8.86	13	10.36
Saoita Hospitals Group	5	5	6	6	6	6	8	8	9	8.48	10	9.48
South / South West Hospitals Group	8	7.21	8	7.21	8	7.21	9	8.21	9	9	12	12
University of Limerick Hospitals Group	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	3	4	4
Total	47	37.81	48	41.58	50	43.25	57	51.75	65	56.34	71	64.34

Table 2: Total Consultant Neurologist Posts vacant at 31st December 2024 by Hospital Group/CHO		
Neurologist Posts vacant 31st December 2024	Headcount	WTE
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group	2	2
Ireland East Hospitals Group	1	1
Saoita Hospitals Group	1	1
South / South West Hospitals Group	2	2
Total	6	6

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Benton

General Manager

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Appendix (i)

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Total	6	6

