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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe to increase the number of consultants in emergency medicine by a further 50%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Willie O'Dea

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

HSE National Doctors Training & Planning in 2024 published [a strategic review of the Emergency Medicine workforce](#), produced in collaboration with the National Emergency Medicine Programme (EMP).

This report provides the most up-to-date projections for Emergency Medicine in Ireland, and provides a recommended roadmap to build the consultant workforce over the coming 15 years to align with demand estimates determined by the EMP.

Achieving this will depend on increasing the scale of specialty training and expansion of the number of consultant posts. The timescale will depend on the exact recruitment patterns achieved in the coming years.

Recruitment to permanent HSE Consultant posts is managed on behalf of the HSE, by the Public Appointment Service (PAS).

Recruitment timelines may vary depending on a number of variables including speciality, consultant availability, notice/relocation and clearance requirements which may differ per individual.

Yours sincerely,

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