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Sorca Clarke, TD

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PQ 56278/25 (Health): To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant psychiatrist posts that are currently filled, vacant, and approved across the HSE; and to provide the number of new or replacement posts funded in Budget 2026. -Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

The table below has been generated from HSE DIME and outlines the provides information on CAAC approved Consultant Psych Posts by Health Region and sub-status filled and vacant at October 2025:

Health Region	Filled	Vacant	Total
HSE Dublin & Midlands Region	113	11	124
HSE Dublin & North East Region	140	10	150
HSE Dublin & South East Region	109	3	112
HSE Mid West Region	30	9	39
HSE South West Region	67	5	72
HSE West & North West Region	73	8	81
Total	532	46	578

In respect of 2026, when the HSE receives its Letters of Determination, it will complete its Service Plan for next year. This work will be carried out over the course of November and submitted to the Minister for Health for approval. When the Service Plan is approved, the HSE's Pay and Numbers Strategy will be finalised and confirm to each of the six HSE Health Regions and each national service their specified number of WTEs. The Services can, within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts. This provides greater flexibility for Health Regions and national services to respond to the needs of the population and prioritise posts appropriately.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Mairéad Ryan
National HR