

The HSE has completed its report on Approved Consultant Posts as at **31st December 2015**.

In line with section 57(2) of the Health Act 2004, the functions of Comhairle na nOspidéal, as specified in section 41(1)(b)(i) and (ii) of the Health Act 1970, were transferred to the HSE on 1st January, 2005.

The attached Consultant Establishment Statistics Report, as at 31st December 2015, has been prepared by the Consultants Appointments Unit of the Health Service Executive based on information collected and collated from HSE and publicly funded hospitals and services.

The compilation of the consultant statistics is an on-going process which involves regular up-dating and refinement of data. The overall objective is to provide, as far as possible, a comprehensive and accurate reflection of the consultant establishment.

All the statistical information refers to public sector consultant posts only.

On 31st December 2015, there were **2,875** approved permanent consultant posts, up from 2,747 as at 31st December 2014 and an overall increase of **928** consultant posts since the introduction of the HSE. The Chart below shows the trend in Consultant post numbers since 1984.

As of **31st Dec 2015** there was **1 approved consultant post per 1,635** population. At 31st Dec 2014 **1 approved consultant post per 1,711** population, 31st Dec 2013 **1 per 1,761** population, 31st Dec 2012 **1 per 1,813** population, 31st Dec 2010 **1 per 1,823**, 2004 **1 per 2,000** population, 1993 **1 per 3,000**. *Approved consultant post/population ratio for 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 are based on Census figures of 2011.*

Explanatory Notes :

Consultant Establishment is defined the overall total complement of approved posts.

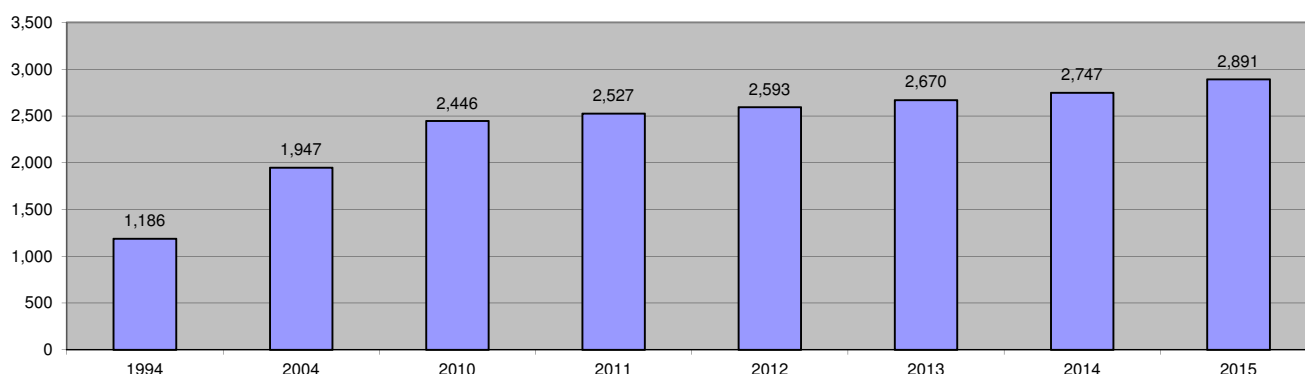
Population per consultant calculated by dividing population for region by number of approved consultants, please note no adjustment is made for national or regional specialities

DML – HSE Dublin Mid Leinster; **DNE** – HSE Dublin North East; **South** – HSE South; **West** – HSE West. Note from 1st Jan 2015 these regions have been replaced by 7 Acute Hospital Groupings and 9 Community Health Organisations.

Consultant Establishment as at 31st Dec 2015						
Specialty	DML	DNE	South	West	Consultant Est as at 31st Dec 2015	Increase in the period 1st Jan 2005 to 31st Dec 2015
ANAESTHESIA	109	95	75	82	361	74
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	29	24	17	18	88	36
INTENSIVE CARE	11	8		1	20	20
MEDICINE	226	169	140	151	686	308
OBSTETRICS/GYNAECOLOGY	42	34	33	33	142	38
PAEDIATRICS	65	35	35	38	173	65
PATHOLOGY	89	65	45	56	255	79
PSYCHIATRY	139	104	95	87	425	130
RADIOLOGY	74	67	54	53	248	80
RADIATION ONCOLOGY	15		7	4	26	11
SURGERY	143	124	90	110	467	103
Grand Total	942	725	591	633	2891	944

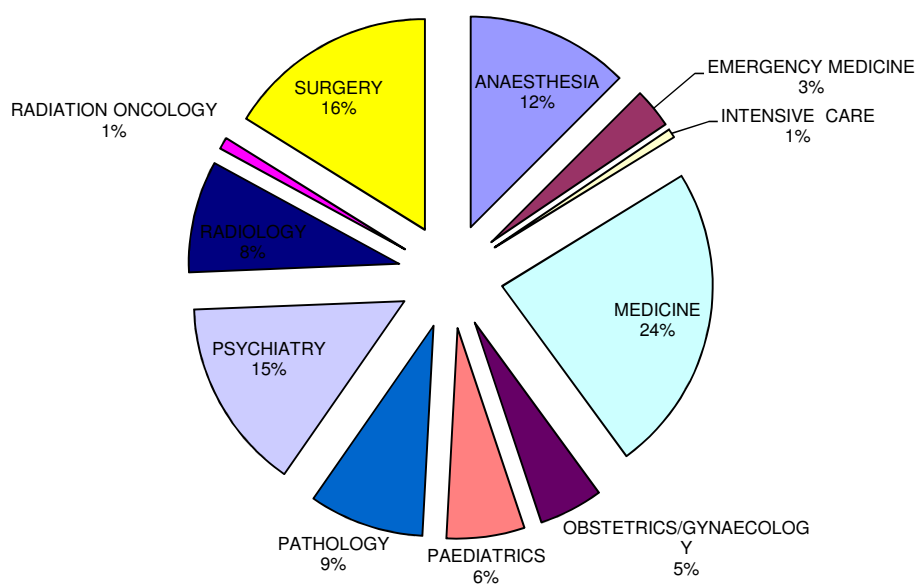
Trend in Approved Consultant Establishment in selected years 1984 to 2015 (as at 31st Dec of each year)									
	1984	1994	2004	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
ANAESTHESIA	153	184	287	336	336	338	347	348	361
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	1	13	52	63	78	78	79	80	88
INTENSIVE CARE				6	8	9	14	18	20
MEDICINE	177	201	378	512	558	600	621	641	686
OBSTETRICS/GYNAECOLOGY	89	83	104	125	125	126	127	133	142
PAEDIATRICS	48	62	108	141	143	149	153	159	173
PATHOLOGY	83	95	176	227	228	230	238	248	255
PSYCHIATRY	196	194	295	369	376	378	392	406	425
RADIOLOGY	93	99	168	222	224	229	232	235	248
RADIATION ONCOLOGY			15	26	26	26	26	26	26
SURGERY	245	255	364	419	425	430	441	453	467
Total	1,085	1,186	1,947	2,446	2,527	2,593	2,670	2,747	2,891

Trend in Approved Consultant Establishment in selected years from 1984 to 2015



Population per Consultant using 2011 Census Figures and Con Est as at 31st Dec 2015					
Specialty	DML	DNE	South	West	National
ANAESTHESIA	12,844	10,478	15,699	13,731	13,022
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	48,276	41,475	69,262	62,553	53,420
INTENSIVE CARE	127,272	124,426			235,046
MEDICINE	6,195	5,890	8,410	7,457	6,853
OBSTETRICS/GYNAECOLOGY	33,333	29,277	35,680	34,120	33,105
PAEDIATRICS	21,538	28,440	33,642	29,630	27,173
PATHOLOGY	15,730	15,314	26,166	20,106	18,435
PSYCHIATRY	10,072	9,571	12,394	12,942	11,061
RADIOLOGY	18,919	14,857	21,805	21,244	18,955
RADIATION ONCOLOGY	93,333		168,208	281,487	180,805
SURGERY	9,790	8,027	13,083	10,236	10,066
	1,486	1,373	1,992	1,779	1,626

Consultant Establishment as at 31st Dec 2015 - Breakdown by Specialty



Consultant Establishment as at 31st Dec 2015								
GROUPSPECIALITY	SPECIALITY	SUBSPECIALITY	DUBLIN & MID LEINSTER	DUBLIN NORTH EAST	SOUTH	WEST	Grand Total	
ANAESTHESIA	ANAESTHESIA	Anaesthesia	84	76	66	71	297	
		Intensive Care	8	5	7	9	29	
		Paediatric Anaesthesia	14	11			25	
		Pain Medicine	3	3	2	2	10	
ANAESTHESIA Total			109	95	75	82	361	
EMERGENCY MEDICINE	EMERGENCY MEDICINE	Emergency Medicine	23	21	16	18	78	
		Paediatric Emergency Medicine	2				2	
	PAEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE	Paediatric Emergency Medicine	4	3	1		8	
EMERGENCY MEDICINE Total			29	24	17	18	88	
INTENSIVE CARE	INTENSIVE CARE	Intensive Care	4	5		1	10	
		Paediatric Intensive Care	7	3			10	
INTENSIVE CARE Total			11	8		1	20	
MEDICINE	CARDIOLOGY	Cardiology	15	11	9	8	43	
	CLINICAL GENETICS	Clinical Genetics	4				4	
	CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY	Clinical Pharmacology	3		1	1	5	
	DERMATOLOGY	Dermatology	12	7	8	9	36	
		Paediatric Dermatology	2	4			6	
	GENERAL MEDICINE	Cardiology	6	7	5	6	24	
		Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics				1	1	
		Endocrinology/Diabetes Mellitus	16	14	10	12	52	
		Gastroenterology	19	16	12	12	59	
		Gastroenterology & Liver Disease	5	1		1	7	
		General Medicine	16	12	14	16	58	
		Metabolic Diseases		1			1	
		Nephrology	9	9	8	10	36	
		Respiratory Medicine	16	13	7	12	48	
		Rheumatology	10	10	9	7	36	
	GENITO-URINARY MEDICINE	Genito-Urinary Medicine	2			1	3	
	GERIATRIC MEDICINE	Geriatric Medicine	33	24	25	21	103	
	INFECTIOUS DISEASES	Infectious Diseases	4	5	2	3	14	
	MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	Medical Oncology	12	6	9	9	36	
	NEUROLOGY	Neurology	13	11	8	8	40	
	NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	Neurophysiology	4	5	2		11	
	PALLIATIVE MEDICINE	Palliative Medicine	11	8	7	10	36	
	REHABILITATION MEDICINE	Rehabilitation Medicine	9	1	1	1	12	
	RESPIRATORY MEDICINE	Cystic Fibrosis	2	1	3	2	8	
		Thoracic Organ Transplantation		2			2	
		Tuberculosis	1	1			2	
	RHEUMATOLOGY	Rheumatology	2			1	3	
	MEDICINE Total			226	169	140	151	686
	OBSTETRICS/GYNAECOLOGY	OBSTETRICS/GYNAECOLOGY	Gynaecological Oncology	2	2	2	2	8
			Maternal Fetal Medicine	4	2		2	8
Obstetrics/Gynaecology			35	28	30	26	119	
Reproductive Medicine				2	1	1	4	
Uro-Gynaecology			1			2	3	
OBSTETRICS/GYNAECOLOGY Total			42	34	33	33	142	
PAEDIATRICS	GENERAL PAEDIATRICS	Community Child Health	9	3	7	8	27	
		Developmental Paediatrics				1	1	
		Endocrinology	3	1		2	6	
		Gastroenterology	3		1		4	
		General	13	7	17	16	53	
		Infectious Diseases	2				2	
		Metabolic Diseases		4			4	
		Nephrology	3	3			6	
		Neurology	2	3	2		7	
		Oncology	3				3	
		Paediatric Cardiology			1		1	
		Respiratory Medicine	5	3	2	3	13	
		Rheumatology	2				2	
		Paediatric Neurodisability	1	2		1	4	
	NEONATOLOGY	Neonatology	11	9	5	7	32	
	PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY	Paediatric Cardiology	8				8	
	PAEDIATRICS Total			65	35	35	38	173
	PATHOLOGY	BIOCHEMISTRY	Biochemistry	2	2	1	2	7
CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY		Chemical Pathology	3	1		1	5	
		Paediatric Chemical Pathology		1			1	
HAEMATOLOGY		Haematology	19	9	9	13	50	
		Paediatric Haematology	4	1	1		6	
		Transfusion Medicine	4		2		6	
			5	1	4	4	14	
HISTOPATHOLOGY		Histopathology	26	27	18	25	96	
		Neuropathology		2			2	
		Ocular Pathology	1				1	
		Oral Pathology	2				2	
		Paediatric Histopathology	2	2			4	
			2	3		1	6	
IMMUNOLOGY		Immunology	2				2	
		Paediatric Immunology	2				2	
MICROBIOLOGY		Microbiology	14	15	8	10	47	
		Virology	3				3	
	NEUROPATHOLOGY	Neuropathology		1	2		3	
PATHOLOGY Total			89	65	45	56	255	

Consultant Establishment as at 31st Dec 2015							
GROUP/SPECIALITY	SPECIALITY	SUBSPECIALITY	DUBLIN & MID LEINSTER	DUBLIN NORTH EAST	SOUTH	WEST	Grand Total
PSYCHIATRY	CHILD PSYCHIATRY	Child Psychiatry	36	24	19	18	97
		Learning Disability	1	2	5	3	11
		Substance Misuse	1	1			2
	FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY	Forensic Psychiatry	9				9
		Learning Disability	1				1
	GENERAL PSYCHIATRY	Forensic Psychiatry			1	1	2
		General Psychiatry	58	40	46	40	184
		Learning Disability	8	12	5	5	30
		Liaison Psychiatry	6	7	4	2	19
		Old Age Psychiatry	14	11	10	10	45
		Psychotherapy	1			1	2
		Rehabilitation Psychiatry		5	5	7	17
		Substance Misuse	4	2			6
PSYCHIATRY Total			139	104	95	87	425
RADIOLOGY	NEURORADIOLOGY	Neuroradiology		6	2		8
	PAEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY	Paediatric Radiology	6	4			10
	RADIOLOGY	Breast Radiology	8	12	9	6	35
		Interventional Radiology	5	3	3	4	15
		Musculo-skeletal	1	2			3
		Nuclear	3	2			5
		Paediatric Radiology	1	4	3	1	9
		Radiology	50	34	36	42	162
		Vascular Radiology			1		1
RADIOLOGY Total			74	67	54	53	248
RADIATION ONCOLOGY	RADIATION ONCOLOGY	Paediatric Radiation Oncology	1				1
		Radiation Oncology	14		7	4	25
RADIATION ONCOLOGY Total			15		7	4	26
SURGERY	CARDIO-THORACIC SURGERY	Cardio-thoracic Surgery	6	1	3	3	13
		Paediatric Cardio-thoracic Surgery	3				3
		Transplantation		3			3
	GENERAL SURGERY	Breast Endocrine	2	2	2		6
		Breast Surgery	6	4	6	7	23
		Colo-rectal Surgery	11	7	1	6	25
		Gastro-intestinal Surgery	8	14	10	8	40
		General Surgery	8	4	11	12	35
		Hepato-biliary Surgery	6	1			7
		Paediatric Surgery		2			2
		Urology				1	1
		Vascular Surgery	10	7	6	6	29
	NEUROSURGERY	Neurosurgery		7	3		10
		Paediatric Neurosurgery		4			4
	OPHTHALMIC SURGERY	Medical Ophthalmology	2				2
		Neuro-ophthalmic Surgery		1			1
		Ophthalmic Surgery	7	6	5	10	28
		Paediatric Ophthalmology	1		1		2
		Vitreo-retinal Surgery	2	2	3		7
	ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL	Oral & Maxillofacial	5		1	4	10
	ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY	Orthopaedic Surgery	20	19	15	21	75
		Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery	5	3	2	3	13
		Spinal Surgery	2	3	1	1	7
	OTOLARYNGOLOGY	Otolaryngology	12	9	8	14	43
		Paediatric Otolaryngology	3	3			6
	PAEDIATRIC SURGERY	Paediatric Surgery	4	3			7
		Paediatric Urology	1				1
	PLASTIC SURGERY	Cleft Lip and Palate		1	1		2
		Plastic Surgery	9	6	4	4	23
	TRANSPLANTATION	Urology		7			7
	UROLOGY	Paediatric Urology	1				1
		Transplantation		2			2
		Urology	9	3	7	10	29
SURGERY Total			143	124	90	110	467
Grand Total			942	725	591	633	2891