



4th July 2024

Deputy Matt Carthy
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re PQ – 27210/24 To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.22 of 13th June 2024, the number of orthodontist vacancies that are currently unfilled at Louth County Hospital; when such posts were advertised; the number of applicants received to date; when it is expected that these vacancies will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows;

1. The number of orthodontist vacancies that are currently unfilled in the Louth Orthodontic Service

We currently have:

1 X 1.0 WTE Consultant vacant post. (This post is shared between Louth and Meath Orthodontic Services)	2 x 1.0 WTE Specialist Orthodontist vacant posts.
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2. When such posts were advertised.

<p>1 X 1.0 WTE Consultant vacant post.</p> <p>The Advertisement was placed on Public Jobs Website in Jan 23. Closed on Jan 24 with 1 applicant. (ineligible) Reopened Jan 24 to May 24 continuously. Closed on May 24 with 1 applicant. (withdrew) Reopened 14th June 24 to date and also placed on HSE Jobs, British Dental Journal & Belfast Telegraph Closing Dating 18th July 24.</p>	<p>2 x 1.0 WTE Specialist Orthodontist vacant posts.</p> <p>The Advertisement was placed on HSE Jobs Website on 23rd May 24. Closed on 13th June 24 with no applicants. Reopened 17th June 24 and also placed on HSE Jobs, British Dental Journal & Belfast Telegraph Closing Dating 18th July 24.</p>
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3. The number of applicants received to date.

We have had two applicants to date for the Consultant Orthodontist post. One was deemed ineligible and the second applicant withdrew from the competition.

There have been no applicants for the Specialist Orthodontist Posts.

4. When it is expected that these vacancies will be filled.

Closing date for both current campaigns for both the Consultant and Specialist Orthodontic vacancies is 18th July 2024.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Ruane', written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Ruane
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