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Deputy Jim O'Callaghan
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Question: "To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant vacancies in model 2 and model 3 hospitals since the consultant contract was introduced, in tabular form - Jim O'Callaghan".

Dear Deputy,

The data below was extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) on 6th March 2023 and 30th September 2024. DIME is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their consultant workforce and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites. 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.

Data below is based on the number of unfilled (Vacant) CAAC approved Consultant posts at 6th March 2023 and 30th September 2024 in Model 2, Model 3 Hospitals and by principal clinical site:

Table 1: Summary of unfilled (Vacant) CAAC approved Consultant posts at 6th March 2023 and 30th September 2024 in Model 2 and Model 3 Hospitals:

Date	Unknown Status - Model 2 Hospital	Unknown Status - Model 3 Hospital	Vacant - Model 2 Hospital	Vacant - Model 3 Hospital	Total
06.03.2023	0	1	10	132	143
30.09.2024	1	2	8	72	83

Table 2: Breakdown of unfilled (Vacant) CAAC approved Consultant posts at 6th March 2023 and 30th September 2024 in Model 2 and Model 3 Hospitals per principal clinical site:

Principal Clinical Site	Unknown	Vacant		Total Vacant at 06.03.2023	Unknown		Vacant		Total Vacant at 30.09.2024
	Model 3	Model 2	Model 3		Model 2	Model 3	Model 2	Model 3	
Bantry General Hospital	0	2	0	2	1	0	4	0	5
Cavan General Hospital	0	0	9	9	0	1	0	7	8
Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	3	3
Ennis Hospital	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Letterkenny University Hospital	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	4	4
Mallow General Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Mayo University Hospital	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	3
Mercy University Hospital	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	5	5
Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	4
Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	7	7
Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	3	3
Monaghan Hospital	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Naas General Hospital	1	0	4	5	0	0	0	1	1
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	0	0	12	12	0	1	0	7	8
Our Lady's Hospital, Navan	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	3	3
Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	3	3
Roscommon University Hospital	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sligo University Hospital	0	0	14	14	0	0	0	6	6
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	0	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	2
St John's Hospital, Limerick	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1
St Luke's General Hospital, Carlow/Kilkenny	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tipperary University Hospital (TippUH)	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	3	3
University Hospital Kerry	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	8	8
Wexford General Hospital	0	0	14	14	0	0	0	5	5
Total	1	10	132	143	1	2	8	72	83

Table 3: Definition of Status

Approved: The post has been approved through the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) process.

Vacant: 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.

Unknown status: The clinical site has not yet assigned a Consultant to the post or marked the post as vacant.

Yours sincerely,

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