

	What is the number of medical consultant posts (all consultants regardless of specialty including HSC and honorary) in your health trust/organisation, by WTE as of the 12th January for each year 2024, 2025 and 2026 for the following categories (please note that all posts should be counted under ONE category only):	Number of posts, as of 12 Jan 2021	Number of posts, as of 12 Jan 2022	Number of posts, as of 12 Jan 2023	Number of posts, as of 12 Jan 2024	Number of posts, as of 12 Jan 2025	Number of posts, as of 12 Jan 2026
i	posts occupied by a permanent consultant	777	789	819	841	874	896
ii	newly-created consultant posts which have not yet been advertised	Records are not held centrally to this level of detail and it has not been possible to extract this information without incurring a disproportionate cost, we have applied Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act to Question 3 of this request. The application of Section 12 has been applied as it is the extraction of the information which will incur a disproportionate cost. The information you have requested is not centrally held and would require considerable interrogation of the data in order to extract the information request.					5
iii	vacant consultant posts according to the Workforce Statistics definition ("any position that is currently with the recruitment team and being actively recruited to. This will include those going through pre-employment checks, up to the point of a start date being agreed")	49	35	38	39	36	34
iv	vacant consultant posts which are awaiting approval for recruitment or are on hold by managers	Records are not held centrally to this level of detail and it has not been possible to extract this information without incurring a disproportionate cost, we have applied Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act to Question 3 of this request. The application of Section 12 has been applied as it is the extraction of the information which will incur a disproportionate cost. The information you have requested is not centrally held and would require considerable interrogation of the data in order to extract the information request.					
v	consultant posts which although currently unfilled are not under active recruitment, e.g. where a previous recruitment exercise has been unsuccessful	Records are not held centrally to this level of detail and it has not been possible to extract this information without incurring a disproportionate cost, we have applied Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act to Question 3 of this request. The application of Section 12 has been applied as it is the extraction of the information which will incur a disproportionate cost. The information you have requested is not centrally held and would require considerable interrogation of the data in order to extract the information request.					10
vi	all posts occupied by a locum consultant (including consultants re-engaged as locums who previously held a permanent post and those locum consultants employed via an agency)	99	73	59	66	61	71
vii	consultant posts that have been recruited to but applicant not yet in post (e.g. deferred start due to pending CCT)	Records are not held centrally to this level of detail and it has not been possible to extract this information without incurring a disproportionate cost, we have applied Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act to Question 3 of this request. The application of Section 12 has been applied as it is the extraction of the information which will incur a disproportionate cost. The information you have requested is not centrally held and would require considerable interrogation of the data in order to extract the information request.					6
viii	Other specialty posts (please be specific)	N/a					

Does not include - (including those re-engaged as locums who previously held a permanent post and those employed via an agency) as this information would not be held.