

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2011**

Question

“How many posts for Middle Grade doctors exist in each hospital department (for example Casualty, ENT, General Surgery, Renal Medicine etc), in which departments are the 7 vacant posts, and what is the highest number of hours a doctor may at present be required to work per week in each department?”

Answer

| Department | Number of middle grade posts | Current vacancies* | Status of vacancies | Weekly hours |
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| Emergency | 6 | 2.5 | 2 vacancies under offer (1 July start and one verbal acceptance) 0.5 vacancy unable to recruit. | 56 max during busiest week on rota. |
| Anaesthetics | 11 | 2 | One to start in June start and other out to advert. | 54 max during busiest week on rota. |
| Dental | 1 | 0 | n/a | 38.5 normal working week plus on-call duties 1 week in 2 weeks. |
| Ear, nose, throat | 2 | 0 | n/a | 38.5 normal working week plus on-call duties 1 week in 4 weeks. |
| General Surgery | 4 | 0 | n/a | 40 normal working week plus on-call duties 1 week in 4 weeks. |
| Medicine | 10 | 2 | One to start in April One to be interviewed on 18 March. | Currently resident on call 1 week in 7 weeks. During the week on call, doctors are responsible for dealing with urgent care requirements that arise during the night. Total hours during on call week this would equate to more than 90 hours but: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • depending on activity during the night doctors may not actually be working |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if doctors should work hours which are beyond those set out in Jersey law, they are given time off in order to ensure they accord with the law. <p>HSSD currently seeking to make additional appointments so resident on-call will become 1 week in 9 weeks.</p> |
| Obstetrics and gynaecology | 6 | 1 | Candidate visiting 14 March. | 40 normal working week plus on-call duties on a 1 in 5 rota |
| Ophthalmology | 1 | 0 | n/a | 38.5 per week |
| Orthopaedics | 5 | 0 | n/a | 40 normal working week plus on-call duties on a 1 in 5 rota |
| Paediatrics | 5 | 0.5 | Unable to recruit. | 40 normal working week plus on-call duties on a 1 in 5 rota |
| Psychiatry | 6 | 1 | Vacancy to be re-advertised | Maximum number of hours: 40 normal working week plus on-call duties on a 1 in 5 rota |

* Please note, the number of vacancies is subject to variation dependent on the position with regard to current/on-going recruitment processes.