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To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card and general practitioner card users; the number of discretionary medical cards and discretionary general practitioner visit cards in circulation; the statistical increase in those accessing the general medical service scheme over the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Eamon Scanlon

Dear Deputy Scanlon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 9124/19), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

As at 1st February, 2015 the number of persons with Medical Card eligibility was 1,766,432 of which 78,932 were granted eligibility on the basis of the exercise of discretion.

As at 1st February, 2019 the number of persons with Medical Card eligibility was 1,563,611 of which 149,895 were granted eligibility on the basis of the exercise of discretion.

As at 1st February, 2015 the number of persons with GP Visit Card eligibility was 160,276 of which 35,776 were granted eligibility on the basis of the exercise of discretion.

As at 1st February, 2019 the number of persons with GP Visit Card eligibility was 506,263 of which 38,213 were granted eligibility on the basis of the exercise of discretion.

Yours sincerely,

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