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Re: PQ Ref 33907/19 – Number of General Practitioners in County Limerick; the number expected to retire in each of the next five years

Dear Deputy Collins,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above *“to ask the Minister for Health the number of General Practitioners in County Limerick; the number expected to retire in each of the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter”*

There are 112 General Medical Services (G.M.S) General Practitioners (G.P’s) in Limerick city and county. There are 50 GMS GP’s in Limerick county and 62 GMS GP’s in Limerick city.

General Practitioners can retire at any time they choose, however G.M.S GP’s must retire from their G.M.S work when they reach 72 years. Table 1 below outlines the existing GMS GP age profile of GP’s in Limerick city and county and when they will reach 72 years of age.

Year	Number of General Practitioners to reach 72 in the next 5 years
2019	0
2020	1
2021	0
2022	3
2023	1

Please note I have provided the information in respect of Limerick city and county G.P’s as patients may be living in the county and attending a GP in the city and vice versa.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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