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**RE PQ 26348/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have presented to date in 2019 to out of hours services (details supplied) in County Louth that are not registered with a general practitioner in the county.**

Dear Deputy Adams,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question and Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The North East Doctor On-Call Service (NEDOC) is a partnership between the HSE and participating GPs in the North East Region. The service operates as an urgent GP out-of-hours service for patients of participating practices whose condition cannot wait until surgery re-opens the next day or over a weekend. The service operates from 6pm to 8am weekdays and 24 hours weekends and public holidays. It covers counties Cavan, Monaghan, Meath and Louth (*excluding Dundalk and the Cooley Peninsula*). The GPs in Dundalk operate an independent rota outside of the NEDOC GP rota. The treatment centre for Dundalk is located on the grounds of the Louth County Hospital. The treatment centre in Drogheda is located on the grounds of The Cottage Hospital.

The information requested by you in respect of the number of persons presented to the out-of-hours service in County Louth that are not registered with a GP in the County is not a category of information that is recorded on the call management database for out-of-hours services and therefore we are not in a position to respond to your query.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett  
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