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Deputy Stephen Donnelly,
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PQ 11500/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner vacancies in each local health area in tabular form

-Stephen S. Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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

Table 1 below shows the number of vacancies as at the 1st of March 2019.

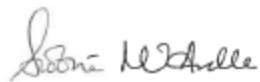
Table 1: GP Vacancies at 1st March 2019

Community Healthcare Organisation Area	Vacancies on GMS Scheme as at 1 st March 2019
1	4
2	3
3	1
4	0
5	3
6	0
7	0
8	5
9	1
Total	17

As at 1st March, 2019 there were 17 GMS vacant panels nationally. As at the 1st March, 2019 there were 2,496 GMS GP contractors nationally. Therefore the 17 vacant panels represent less than 1% of the total number of GMS panels nationally. In each case a locum or other appropriate arrangement has been put in place to maintain services to the communities in question.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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