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**Question:** To ask the Minister for Health the counties in which PrEP is currently available; the steps he will take to ensure universal access for those for whom it is recommended; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

Since November 2019, PrEP is available through the HSE free of charge to those at substantial risk of acquiring HIV through sex. PrEP is available through approved PrEP services and is being rolled out in a phased manner in line with the National Standards for PrEP Service Delivery.

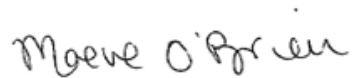
Approved PrEP services are located in the following counties:

- Co. Dublin
- Co. Laois
- Co. Galway (includes Co. Mayo catchment)
  - the PrEP clinic is based in University Hospital Galway but the satellite clinic in Mayo University Hospital also assesses patients for PrEP and refers them to UHG as required
- Co. Clare
- Co. Limerick
  - includes Co. Tipperary (North) catchment - the satellite clinic in Nenagh also assess patients for PrEP and refers them to University Hospital Limerick or Ennis General Hospital as required
- Co. Waterford (includes Co. Carlow and Co. Tipperary (South) catchments)
  - PrEP predominantly available through University Hospital Waterford but the satellite clinics in Carlow and Clonmel also assess patients for PrEP and refer them to UHW as required
- Co. Louth (includes Co. Monaghan catchment)
  - PrEP currently available in Louth County Hospital, with patients attending OLOL Drogheda and Monaghan General Hospital being assessed and referred to LCH as required.
- Co. Cork (includes Co. Kerry catchment)
- Co. Sligo

- Sligo University Hospital is now an approved PrEP service and is working to have PrEP available in the New Year
- Co. Donegal
  - Letterkenny University Hospital is now an approved PrEP service and is working to have PrEP available in the New Year.

The HSE SHCPP continues to work with Public STI services to support the expansion of the national PrEP programme in line with the National Standards for the Delivery and Management of PrEP.

Yours Sincerely



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