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Leinster House,
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PQ 32525/20

“To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for primary medical certificates by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Rose Conway-Walsh”

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 32525/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Disabled Drivers and Passenger Scheme is operated by the Department of Finance. HSE Community Medical Doctors (CMDs) carry out independent medical assessment of applicants for this scheme. The appeals process is an independent process and is operated by the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal. There was a Supreme Court judgment on 18 June 2020 in relation to this scheme. Following communication from the Department of Finance, the Minister for Health has instructed that there should be no medical assessments of applicants for Primary Medical Certificates until further notice, pending clarification of the legal position through the Department of Finance. At the end of September there are 1,314 applications for a primary medical certificate on hold as a result of the Supreme Court ruling of 18 June 2020. The available breakdown for the number of applications on hold is by CHO area. See attached Appendix 1 showing the number of applications on hold by CHO area at the end of September.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Siobhán Mc Ardle'.

Siobhán Mc Ardle

Head of Operations: Primary Care
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Appendix 1:

Number of applications for a primary medical certificate that are on hold at the end of September 2020	
CHO Area	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate that are on hold at the end of September 2020
CHO 1	134
CHO 2	329
CHO 3	171
CHO 4	207
CHO 5	141
CHO 6	30
CHO 7	76
CHO 8	185
CHO 9	41
Total	1,314