

5th May, 2021

Thomas Gould, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ Ref 19263/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of persons served by Southdoc in the Southdoc, Blackpool catchment area; and the estimated number of persons served by same in the Kinsale road catchment area”.

Dear Deputy Gould,

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

South West Doctors on Call Limited is an Out of Hours Family Doctor service for urgent medical care in Counties Cork and Kerry with its administrative headquarters and call centre in Killarney. It has a membership of over 500 GPs and a network of treatment centres of which eight are overnight and supported by a fleet of vehicles which are fully equipped for home visit situations.

It provides a service to a population of approximately 694,000 plus the 3.3M visitors to the area, and dealt with over 180,080 patient contacts in 2020. Although a number of these patient contacts were deemed to be emergency related, it is important to point out that while SouthDoc works closely with the Emergency Services is not the primary emergency service provider.

For the period from 1st January 2021 to 31st March 2021 inclusive the following number of patients have availed of and been provided with a service by SouthDoc in Cork City as follows:

Catchment area	Number of patients
Blackpool	4813
Southside	8631

If I can be of any further assistance please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



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