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Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting lists for PrEP treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Deputy Cullinane,

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

Most PrEP services do not have waiting lists at this time. Many services have continued to see new service users requiring PrEP during the COVID-19 pandemic and have never had waiting lists. Some services did have waiting lists at some stage during the COVID-19 pandemic, but as service restrictions have now improved, these patients have now been given clinic appointments and are booked to be seen over the next 4 weeks.

Data reported by the HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) shows the number of new service users by quarter, who have been registered for PrEP and clinically approved for reimbursement:

	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021
Number of new individuals registered for PrEP	658	674	301	502	547	313

Yours Sincerely

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