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PQ: 62061/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners allocated to medical card holders and general practitioner card holders following a refusal of three general practitioners to register them by CHO area in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 62061/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see General Practitioner Assignments following 3 refusals from 2017 to W/E 24th Dec 2021. This data is broken down into county.

As you can see there is a notable increase in 2020 and 2021 much of which can be directly linked to ongoing pandemic – migration of population from cities due to remote working, difficulty in obtaining access to GPs due to restrictions etc.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% +/- in 5 years
Connaught						
Galway	42	33	63	101	122	190.48%
Mayo	33	33	46	65	159	381.82%
Leitrim	10	6	16	36	40	300.00%
Roscommon	10	15	12	51	70	600.00%
Sligo	16	28	34	68	111	593.75%
Leinster						
Dublin	384	379	569	905	1258	227.60%
Kildare	148	169	223	220	295	99.32%
Meath	88	70	97	183	129	46.59%
Louth	150	151	215	211	251	67.33%

Offaly	55	83	115	155	203	269.09%
Longford	14	12	26	23	60	328.57%
Westmeath	94	58	115	130	162	72.34%
Carlow	89	76	88	95	119	33.71%
Kilkenny	14	32	38	51	63	350.00%
Wexford	65	132	162	146	249	283.08%
Wicklow	58	43	66	154	139	139.66%
Laois	139	177	272	311	346	148.92%
Munster						
Limerick	74	77	181	193	222	200.00%
Clare	38	52	113	92	169	344.74%
Tipperary	88	68	118	113	146	65.91%
Cork	126	108	157	160	266	111.11%
Kerry	28	38	59	82	102	264.29%
Waterford	27	51	36	65	81	200.00%
Ulster						
Donegal	17	19	32	44	95	458.82%
Cavan	19	46	26	36	32	68.42%
Monaghan	33	43	110	155	244	639.39%
Total	1859	1999	2989	3845	5133	176.12%

Yours sincerely,



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