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PQ: 62063/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners allocated to children and infants 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 62063/21), 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 the ongoing pandemic, migration of population from cities due to remote working, difficulty in obtaining access to GPs due to restrictions etc.

Children/Infants are primarily assigned through their parents cards. This information is included in figures below,

	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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