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Deputy Neale Richmond,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Ref: 5624/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners that will be called upon to administer the Covid-19 vaccine by local electoral area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Neale Richmond

Dear Deputy Richmond,

I refer to your recent parliamentary question which was partially answered and passed to the HSE for response.

As per previous correspondence - All GPs can administer vaccines against Covid-19 and will be eligible to receive payment for same. While no central register exists specifically for GPs working in Ireland, all doctors in practice in Ireland must be registered with the Medical Council. There are currently 4,137 doctors on the Medical Council's Specialist Register in General Practice, in addition the latest available figures show that 765 doctors on the General Register have described general practice as the category which best describes their current practice of medicine. However, holding registration does not necessarily mean that a medical practitioner is active in general practice at the time.

The number of doctors who provide general practitioner services to patients exclusively on a private basis is not collected by the HSE.

At the start of the year, 3,028 GPs hold a contract with the HSE for the provision of medical services. In addition there are 503 GPs who are not contracted to the GMS Scheme but who are registered to provide services under the Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme. A full breakdown by LHO area is provided in Appendix 1.

The vaccines are currently being administered in healthcare settings, to frontline healthcare workers, and to people aged 70 and over by their GPs across 1,300 practices. As the vaccination programme is expanded to the wider community, the priority at this time is to ensure the safe and effective rollout of the vaccine. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the number of general practitioners that will be called upon to administer the Covid-19 vaccine by local electoral area. However, the following link provides the national total for vaccines administered with a breakdown of the various cohorts that have received them: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/integrated-information-service-vaccination-programme-dashboard.html>.

The dash board includes numbers on cohort 3 that are been vaccinated.

Last week saw the completion of the first 3 weeks of the over 70s GP Vaccination Programme, focused on vaccination of over 85s. In the programme to date over 1,300 GP practices have been involved representing more than 3,000 GPs, which has ensured the vast majority of 72,000 over 85 year olds have now been administered with their first dose of vaccine. In addition, GPs have already vaccinated a significant number of those in the 80 to 84 age cohort.



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We are now moving into the next phase of the programme with a further 37,000 doses of vaccine being distributed this week (w/c 8 March) A very small number of practices, less than 30, are due to receive first delivery this week

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Healy'.

Pat Healy,
National Director,
Community Strategy and Planning



Appendix 1

PCRS Monthly Contractor Report

Number of Agreements with GPs,

Mar-2021

Community Healthcare Organisation	General Practitioners
National	3,028
CHO Area 1	230
LHO 13 - Cavan / Monaghan	69
LHO 19 - Donegal	98
LHO 20 - Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	63
CHO Area 2	316
LHO 16 - Galway	197
LHO 17 - Mayo	86
LHO 18 - Roscommon	33
CHO Area 3	252
LHO 21 - Clare	56
LHO 22 - North Tipp./East Limerick	51
LHO 23 - Limerick	145
CHO Area 4	473
LHO 24 - South Lee	150
LHO 25 - North Lee	121
LHO 26 - West Cork	44
LHO 27 - Kerry	100
LHO 28 - North Cork	58
CHO Area 5	304
LHO 29 - Carlow/Kilkenny	87
LHO 30 - Waterford	80
LHO 31 - South Tipperary	59
LHO 32 - Wexford	78
CHO Area 6	312
LHO 1 - Dun Laoghaire	118
LHO 2 - Dublin South East	109
LHO 7 - Wicklow	85
CHO Area 7	418
LHO 3 - Dublin South City	121



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LHO 4 - Dublin South West	111
LHO 5 - Dublin West	75
LHO 6 - Kildare / West Wicklow	111
CHO Area 8	334
LHO 14 - Louth	82
LHO 15 - Meath	85
LHO 8 - Laois / Offaly	78
LHO 9 - Longford / Westmeath	89
CHO Area 9	389
LHO 10 - Dublin North West	99
LHO 11 - Dublin North Central	134
LHO 12 - Dublin North	156

Please note

(i) 503 GPs not contracted to the GMS Scheme who are registered to provide services under the Primary Childhood Immunisation Scheme, the Health(Amendment) Act 1996, Heartwatch, Methadone Treatment Scheme and National Cancer Screening Service.