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Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

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PQ 5756/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary medical certificate applications at hand at present; the number of applications waiting to be assessed; if the applications are being processed in date order; the number of applications that have been processed in the past four months by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív”

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above parliamentary question (PQ 5756/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The table below shows the available data which is by CHO area. The table includes the total number of applications processed in full year 2020 as well as the number of applications waiting to be assessed at the end of January 2021.

CHO Area	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate processed in full year 2020	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate waiting to be assessed at January 2021
CHO 1	126	193
CHO 2	181	467
CHO 3	179	249
CHO 4	202	258
CHO 5	100	184
CHO 6	96	50
CHO 7	68	88
CHO 8	156	229
CHO 9	165	140
Total	1,273	1,858

At the end of January 2021 there are a total of 1,858 people across the country waiting to be assessed for a primary medical certificate. There are challenges in some CHO areas in progressing assessments for primary medical certificates due to redeployment of Medical Officers particularly in regard to the COVID Vaccine Programme and management of outbreaks in Residential Care Facilities across the country. The HSE is currently revising its service recovery and restoration plans taking account of the COVID pressure challenges presenting. Assessments for primary medical certificates are considered in that context.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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