



John Lahart, T.D.  
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11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

PQ: 12430/21

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 1 March 2021; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date - John Lahart.**

Dear Deputy Lahart,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 12430/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see attached report in relation to figures as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Medical Cards	Discretionary Medical Cards	Doctor Visit Cards	Discretionary Doctor Visit Cards
1,579,589	170,672	531,121	39,068

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Doyle  
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service

**The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: [Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie](mailto:Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie)**