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Dear Deputy Ó Snodaigh,

*** * To ask the Minister for Health the number of existing PrEP users attending the gay men's health service from November 2019, in 2020 and to date in 2021, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position. Table 1 indicates data from November 2019 to March 2020, pre Covid-19.

Table 1

	Appointment	New	Walk In	Total
Nov-19	118	6	14	138
Dec-19	95	3	9	107
Jan-20	162	3	13	178
Feb-20	110	2	23	135
Mar-20	64	1	3	68

In early March GMHS staff members were redeployed to Covid-19 services. Table 2 provides data for Virtual PrEP review appointments and prescriptions issued.

Table 2

	Appointment	New	Walk In	Total
Mar-20	43	1	3	47
Apr-20	184	0	0	184
May-20	121	0	0	121

Table 3 provides includes data for patients attending St. James's Hospital GUIDE clinic

Table 3

	Appointment	New	Walk In	Total
Jun-20	85	0	0	85
Jul-20	161	0	0	161
Aug-20	123	0	0	123
Sep-20	98	0	0	98
Oct-20	94	0	0	94
Nov-20	75	0	0	75
Dec-20	75	0	0	75


Table 4 data represents patients attending GMHS clinic for screening and PrEP Prescription from January 2021.

Table 4

	Appointment	New	Walk In	Total
Jan-21	24	0	0	24
Feb-21	76	0	0	76
Mar-21	110	0	0	110

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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