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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett, TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**Re: PQ Ref 47509/21**

**\*\*To ask the Minister for Health if there is an onus on the HSE to inform medical card patients that their doctor is retiring from treating medical card patients; if so, if the HSE plan to inform the patients of a doctor (details supplied) in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett

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.

The Manager of the Primary Care Unit for GP Services has outlined the following:

When a GP is resigning or retiring from the GMS scheme a letter is sent by the relevant HSE Primary Care Unit to all patients on the doctor's panel. The letter states the date of the retirement/resignation of the GP and outlines details of the new GP taking over the patients care.

This process was followed with regard to the GP in question and a letter was sent to over 700 patients on his panel notifying them of the forthcoming changes (copy of letter enclosed).

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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