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Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh T.D. Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

## PQ 18521/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners accepting new medical card patients in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to inform you that General Practitioners are not required to provide this information to the HSE so unfortunately the information requested by you is not available.

The maximum number of patients that a GP can have under the General Medical Services (GMS) Scheme is 2,200. No GP in Mayo has a panel of that size at present but some GPs decide to close their panels before reaching the maximum number allowed which they are entitled to do.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely, Michelle Fan

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