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**PQ Ref 60326/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of community healthcare networks where a GP lead is in place in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Wynne,

I refer to your parliamentary question which was passed to the HSE for response.

In line with Sláintecare, the Enhanced Community Care Programme (ECC) objective is to deliver increased levels of health care with service delivery reoriented towards general practice, primary care and community-based services. The focus is on implementing an end-to-end care pathway that will care for people at home and over time prevent referrals and admissions to acute hospitals where it is safe and appropriate to do so, and enable a “home first” approach.

The ECC Programme was allocated €240m for the establishment of **96 Community Healthcare Networks** CHNs, 30 Community Specialist Teams for Older people, 30 Community Specialist Teams for Chronic Disease, national coverage for Community Intervention Teams and the development of a volunteer-type model in collaboration with Alone.

In response to your query regarding the number of Community Healthcare Networks where a GP lead is in place, please see summary below in Appendix 1 which identifies the breakdown of GP Leads recruited per Community Healthcare Network.

The HSE will continue to prioritise recruitment of GP Leads for the outstanding posts.

I hope the above is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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**Appendix 1 GP Leads recruited per Community Healthcare Network.**

<b>Area</b>	<b>GP Leads Onboarded</b>	<b>GP Leads Advanced Stage of Recruitment</b>	<b>GP Leads Recruited*</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	6	1	7
<b>CHO 2</b>	2	2	4
<b>CHO 3</b>	1	7	8
<b>CHO 4</b>	14	0	14
<b>CHO 5</b>	5	3	8
<b>CHO 6</b>	4	1	5
<b>CHO 7</b>	2	3	5
<b>CHO 8</b>	5	0	5
<b>CHO 9</b>	5	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>61</b>