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Deputy Eoin O Broin Dáil Eireann, Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the current number of general practitioners practicing in Lucan -Eoin Ó Broin

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Dublin South Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare Area, has no remit in the area of private GP Practice and holds no data in respect of such. The HSE does have a remit in the area of GP Services for Medical Card holders, and works with GPs to agree contracts for such. All GPs are free to take out a contract with the HSE to deliver services to Medical Card holders on the General Medical Services (GMS) scheme, provided the criteria are met, and the HSE does not restrict the number of contracts in a geographic area.

Currently there are 14 GMS GP contracts listed in Lucan, none of which is vacant. One contract holder is retiring imminently, and this list has been advertised by the Primary Care GP Unit.

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

Yours sincerely,

Head of Service, Primary Care

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