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PQs- PQ 54463/22, PQ 54464/22, PQ 54465/22, PQ 54466/22

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

I refer to the above 4 Parliamentary Questions which were received in our office for response.

**PQ 54463/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical professionals who are certified to fit and remove long-acting reversible contraception; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

The ICGP has been providing training in the insertion of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) for over 20 years. In that time, the ICGP has provided certificates of competence to 1,360 GPs in total. However, it is possible that some of these GPs may not have continued with their special interest in LARC insertion or may have retired. Details of the Certificates are as follows;

- IUCD\* – 351
- Sub-dermal\* – 260
- IUCD & Sub-dermal – 749

Total Certificates 1,360

\*Please note, a small number of GP's may hold more than one of the above certificates.

**PQ 54464/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical professionals who have been certified to fit and remove long-acting reversible contraception since the introduction of the scheme on 14 September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Since the Introduction of the Scheme on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September the ICCP have confirmed that 3 additional Medical Professionals have been certified to fit and remove long-acting reversible contraception and there are currently 22 applications in progress.

The ICGP in September 2022 was granted funding by the Department of Health (in conjunction with the HSE), through the Women's Health Task Force to update LARC training, to improve the efficiency of the LARC training and to increase the number of LARC tutors available in Ireland to provide training. This programme is scheduled to be launched in Q1 2023.



**PQ 54465/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs who are participating in the free contraception scheme since its introduction on 14 September 2022; if he will provide a breakdown in respect of CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Since the scheme was launched, 2,182 GPs has opted to provide the free Contraception Scheme Service with the HSE and 1,476 Pharmacies have expressed an interest to provide the free Contraception Scheme with the HSE.

<b>Number of General Practitioners who have signed up to provide Free Contraception Scheme Services per LHO</b>									
<b>CHO 1</b>	<b>CHO 2</b>	<b>CHO 3</b>	<b>CHO 4</b>	<b>CHO 5</b>	<b>CHO 6</b>	<b>CHO 7</b>	<b>CHO 8</b>	<b>CHO 9</b>	<b>Total</b>
176	232	193	367	250	214	253	235	262	<b>2182</b>

<b>Number of Pharmacists who have expressed an interest to the HSE to provide Free Contraception Services per CHO</b>									
<b>CHO 1</b>	<b>CHO 2</b>	<b>CHO 3</b>	<b>CHO 4</b>	<b>CHO 5</b>	<b>CHO 6</b>	<b>CHO 7</b>	<b>CHO 8</b>	<b>CHO 9</b>	<b>Total</b>
131	164	121	224	169	134	189	187	157	<b>1476</b>

**PQ 54466/22: To ask the Minister for Health when the contact details of the GPs participating in the free contraception services contract scheme will be uploaded to the HSE website; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

The HSE is satisfied that there is a good geographic spread of GPs and Pharmacists taking part, enough to meet the needs of people who may need to access the service therefore it had been agreed that a list will not be required to be published or uploaded to the HSE Website.

Yours sincerely,

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