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Ms Niamh Smyth T.D.,
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Re: PQ 51853/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP services that are available, by head of population, in counties Cavan and Monaghan between Monday and Friday, between 9am to 5pm; the way the catchment system for GP clinics is worked out (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smyth

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 for response. I have examined the matter and the following table outlines the position of GP Services in Cavan Monaghan.

GP services available, by head of population:

County	GP Practices	GP/Patient ratio	Population
Cavan	34	2388	81,201
Monaghan	24	2701	64,832

For non Medical Card Patients - There is no obligation on the state to provide a GP to private patients, we can only advise and offer the patient a list of GP Practices in their area or in the nearest town to them. We do not hold information regarding what GPs are accepting private patients.

In order to assign a patient to a GP they must hold a valid Medical Card. A Medical Card Patient can be assigned to a GP within 15km of their home address. The patient has to have a GP before they can apply for a medical card. If the Medical Card Patient wishes to change their GP and have been unsuccessful, they must submit in writing 3 GP's Names / Practices which they have been refused from and then they will be allocated a new GP from GP Assignments.

All patients can also avail of out of hours GP services whether they are Medical Card or Non Medical Card patients.

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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