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PQ: 42105/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners allocated to children and infants following a refusal of three general practitioners to register them by CHO area in each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022; if he will provide an additional schedule in respect of the same information for persons aged 18 years and over in tabular form; if he will detail the protocol for assigning an adult with a general practitioner who cannot source one themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 42105/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see General Practitioner Assignments following 3 refusals from 2017 to 2021, also including January – August 2022. This data is broken down into county.

As you can see there is a notable increase in 2020 and 2021 much of which can be directly linked to the ongoing pandemic, migration of population from cities due to remote working, difficulty in obtaining access to GPs due to restrictions etc.

Children/Infants are primarily assigned through their parents cards. This information is included in figures below. Please note that Medical Card Applications are received primarily from a family unit, whereas if a child is over 16 a separate application is required, as does a client over 70. As such, our data is not collated in the manner you requested to provide a schedule in respect of persons aged 18 years and over.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Connaught						
Galway	42	33	63	101	122	129
Mayo	33	33	46	65	159	55
Leitrim	10	6	16	36	40	27
Roscommon	10	15	12	51	70	43
Sligo	16	28	34	68	111	50
Leinster						
Dublin	384	379	569	905	1258	1202
Kildare	148	169	223	220	295	220
Meath	88	70	97	183	129	117
Louth	150	151	215	211	251	275
Offaly	55	83	115	155	203	89
Longford	14	12	26	23	60	63
Westmeath	94	58	115	130	162	146
Carlow	89	76	88	95	119	85
Kilkenny	14	32	38	51	63	34
Wexford	65	132	162	146	249	256
Wicklow	58	43	66	154	139	65
Laois	139	177	272	311	346	220
Munster						
Limerick	74	77	181	193	222	132
Clare	38	52	113	92	169	78
Tipperary	88	68	118	113	146	106
Cork	126	108	157	160	266	228
Kerry	28	38	59	82	102	88
Waterford	27	51	36	65	81	52
Ulster						
Donegal	17	19	32	44	95	49
Cavan	19	46	26	36	32	10
Monaghan	33	43	110	155	244	113
Total	1859	1999	2989	3845	5133	3932

Yours sincerely,



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