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Leinster House,
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19th April 2023

PQ: 16575/23

To ask the Minister for Health following the introduction of free contraception for women aged 17 to 26 years, if a system is in place to gather data on the uptake of the scheme; if so, if this data includes the type of contraception opted for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Sean Sherlock

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 16575/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please see below results for PQ16575/23.

The number of women who availed of the Free Contraception Scheme from 14th September 2022 to 28th Feb 2023
Unique People
106,062

Please note: the above report is valid on date of production but underlying data changes can occur after and change the reported figures. In some circumstances this can result in a minor discrepancy between reports for legitimate reasons of timing and data changes etc.

The PCRS does have a system in place to capture claims only for women who are eligible for the free contraception scheme for the date it was launched on 14th September 2022.

All drugs and contraceptive devices allowed under the scheme are from the GMS list of reimbursable items.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Doyle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service