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Deputy Cathal Crowe  
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**Re: PQ 20098/23 “To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards associated with a GP practice (Saffron & Blue, Newmarket on Fergus, Co. Clare, concerns locally that it is withdrawing from Newmarket and moving to Clarecastle); and the costs associated with running the practice.**

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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:

I can advise you that Dr. Colum Gavin, General Practitioner (GP) (Saffron & Blue Medical Centre) holds a GMS contract with the HSE for the provision of GP services to medical card holders. The GMS panel comprises of 887 patients.

In relation to your query regarding the running costs of the Saffron & Blue GP Practice, I am not in a position to provide you with any information in this regard. The GP practice is privately run and, therefore, the costs associated with running the practice are a matter for Saffron & Blue Medical Centre.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

  
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