

3rd March, 2023

Mr. Thomas Gould, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 8667/23

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of application for the vacant GP position in Blarney; if a successful candidate has been chosen; and when the surgery will reopen."

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Following receipt of the 3 months notice of resignation of the outgoing GP in Blarney, the HSE commenced working on providing an interim GP service for the GMS Cardholders in addition to undertaking a recruitment campaign for a permanent GP.

The interim GP service commenced on 1st January 2023, and will run for the duration of the recruitment campaign and through the contracting stage.

The advertisement for this GMS GP position went live on Thursday 8th December 2022. The closing date for applications was Tuesday 1st February 2023.

An eligibility review of the applications received was undertaken on Friday 3rd February 2023, and an interview board was convened.

The eligible applicants were invited to interview on Thursday February 23rd and Wednesday 1st March 2023.

The results of the interviews will issue week commencing 6th March. Thereafter, the HSE will liaise with the first placed GP on the panel of successful GP candidates to commence the contracting stage.

GMS Cardholders have been advised that upon the conclusion of the recruitment process, including the contracting stage, the HSE will write to them again, to advise them of the permanent arrangements for the transfer of their GP service to the incoming GMS GP.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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