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**To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that a national vasectomy services contract is in place for all areas of the State to enable medical card holders access this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response.

The development of a standard contract for the provision of vasectomy services is a component of the HSE streamlining and coordination agenda in line with the "GP Agreement 2019". The HSE is working closely with the IMO and ICGP to support general practice and a range of measures have been implemented to date. The implementation of the GP Agreement 2019 provides for the introduction of significant enhancements to contractual arrangements in place with GPs.

The provision of a Vasectomy service for men is not one of the special items of service provided for under the GMS contract with GPs. Hence local arrangements have been put in place in some areas throughout the country but this is not universal nor are the arrangements standardised.

I hope the above is of assistance to you.

**Yours sincerely,**

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