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Deputy Tully,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 11184/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who were granted a primary medical certificate in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; the total number of people to currently hold a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter

- Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 11184/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In 2019, the HSE commenced the collation of data regarding the number of applications approved for Primary Medical Certificates. Please see the data for 2019 and subsequent years in the table below.

The role of the HSE is to undertake the assessment of applications. The Certificates are issued under the remit of the Department of Finance, and therefore the HSE do not hold records in respect of the number of people who currently hold a Primary Medical Certificate.

Year	Number of applications for Primary Medical Certificates approved in each year
2019	1,933
2020	835
2021	1,943
2022	2,014

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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