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PQ: 12601/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for morphine as part of a public drug scheme or in a HSE hospital, psychiatric facility or primary care setting and by a private GP from 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 12601/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Long Term Illness:

Year	No of Prescriptions
2011	64
2012	75
2013	99
2014	191
2015	202
2016	180
2017	240
2018	230
2019	314
2020	204
2021	203
2022	145
Total	2,147

Drug Payment Scheme:

Year	No of Prescriptions
2011	3,830
2012	3,380
2013	2,903
2014	3,379
2015	3,602
2016	3,496
2017	3,815
2018	3,682
2019	4,263
2020	5,061
2021	4,770
2022	5,182
Total	47,363

General Medical Services:

Year	No of Prescriptions
2011	40,643
2012	40,377
2013	42,446
2014	43,308
2015	43,683
2016	45,031
2017	45,281
2018	46,571
2019	49,284
2020	53,622
2021	50,764
2022	50,434
Total	551,444

Please note the information provided is based on claim data which has been received by the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS) from Community Pharmacists and includes items reimbursed by PCRS only. This data does not capture items dispensed outside of community drug schemes where the prescription has been paid for privately by the patient or patient representative. This data may not capture claims which are under the DPS monthly threshold amount. PCRS does not capture data in relation to diagnosis or indication.

Yours sincerely,



Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service