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PQ: 12602/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of prescriptions issued for tramadol 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 12602/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Long Term Illness:

Year	No of Prescriptions
2011	757
2012	684
2013	711
2014	1,138
2015	1,338
2016	1,441
2017	1,692
2018	1,767
2019	1,873
2020	1,840
2021	1,621
2022	1,499
Total	16,361

Drug Payment Scheme:

Year	No of Prescriptions
2011	70,094
2012	67,513
2013	57,076
2014	54,227
2015	54,669
2016	51,533
2017	47,104
2018	45,056
2019	44,912
2020	45,722
2021	48,017
2022	60,952
Total	646,875

General Medical Services:

Year	No of Prescriptions
2011	460,410
2012	490,556
2013	489,569
2014	477,170
2015	480,594
2016	475,705
2017	447,491
2018	428,552
2019	413,647
2020	409,937
2021	407,507
2022	398,524
Total	5,379,662

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,



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