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PQ: 42414/23

**To ask the Minister for Health the expected number of medical card holders and the expected number of GP-only card holders; and the respective total number of people who will have cover under these cards.-Richard Bruton**

Dear Deputy Bruton,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 42414/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The expected Activity for Medical and GPV Cards figures taken from the National Service Plan 2023 is 2,699,758. Please see breakdown. 2024 Figures are not available. You can find the National Service Plan 2023 on the HSE website, link below.

[national-service-plan-2023.pdf \(hse.ie\)](https://www.hse.ie/national-service-plan-2023.pdf)

Primary Care Reimbursement Services				
Activity	Reporting Period	NSP2022 Expected Activity	Projected Outturn 2022	Expected Activity 2023
<b>Medical Cards</b>				
No. of persons covered by medical cards as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	M	1,539,348	1,569,821	1,630,367
No. of persons covered by GP visit cards as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December		617,960	616,735	1,069,391
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,157,308</b>	<b>2,186,556</b>	<b>2,699,758</b>

Yours sincerely,



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