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Deputy John Paul Phelan,
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PQ43653/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of hepatitis C tests carried out each year from 2018-2023; how this compares to the goals under Roadmap to Zero; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Phelan,

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

The HSE established a National Hepatitis C Treatment Programme (NHCTP) in 2015 and began the process of providing treatment for hepatitis C using Directly Acting Antivirals (DAA's) to patients prioritised according to clinical need. Since 2016, the HSE in its National Service Plans has committed to the continued implementation of a multi annual public health plan for the therapeutic treatment of hepatitis C. Since 2015 the National Hepatitis C Treatment programme has provided treatment to over 7,000 patients treated (4155 from 2018 to August 2023). The NHCTP goal is to make hepatitis C a rare disease in Ireland by 2026.

The breakdown of the number of people who have been treated for hep C from 2018 to date is listed below:

Year	No. Treated
2018	1489
2019	1195
2020	487
2021	426
2022	518
2023 to end August	335

With regard to the 'Roadmap to Zero' document, I wish to advise that this is not a HSE document and I am unable to comment in this regard.



I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Crowley', is written over a horizontal line.

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