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Leinster House,
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PQ 39329/23: To ask the Minister for Health the numbers of GMS registered GPs on a county basis for the years 2015-2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jennifer Whitmore

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

I refer to the above PQ received in our office for response. Please find attached number of General Practitioners (GMS GPs) nationally for your attention.

The Department of Health, the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the Irish Medical Organisation (IMO) concluded an Agreement in July, 2023, which makes provision for a range of measures, including the extension of means tested eligibility to Doctor Visit only cards to individuals and families and full eligibility to all children aged between 6 and 7 years inclusive.

The 2023 GP Agreement also provides for a series of financial supports to GPs in order to maintain and increase capacity in general practices. Financial supports include increased Capitation Fee Rates, enhanced subsidies and a new form of practice grant to allow GPs to recruit additional staff as well to take account of increased demand for services. The Agreement also includes pilot initiatives to address challenges in filling long term GMS GP vacancies in rural and urban deprived areas. In addition, a pilot initiative will be progressed aimed at supporting GPs who are in receipt of Rural Practice Support to source locum GP cover for approved leave periods. To date 2,451 (96%) eligible GPs have signed up to the 2023 GP Agreement.

The 2023 GP Agreement is an interim Agreement pending the completion of the recommendations of the GP Strategic Review, which has recently commenced. The Strategic Review will identify the challenges facing General Practice in delivering a sustainable service into the future and set out the actions necessary to address those challenges. It will examine a wide range of issues, including, in particular, GP Capacity, GP Training and the financial support necessary to ensure a sustainable service.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine Crowley,
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Source: HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Services (PCRS)

LHO	LHO Area	No. of GPs as at 31/12/2015	No. of GPs as at 31/12/2016	No. of GPs as at 31/12/2017	No. of GPs as at 31/12/2018	No. of GPs as at 31/12/2019	No. of GPs as at 31/12/2020	No. of GPs as at 31/12/2021	No. of GPs as at 31/12/2022	No. of GPs as at 31/06/2023
1	Dun Laoghaire	73	74	76	74	73	79	80	78	72
2	Dublin South East	69	73	72	71	74	77	73	75	74
3	Dublin South City	70	70	60	65	65	69	63	69	69
4	Dublin South West	71	74	78	74	77	81	83	77	84
5	Dublin West	55	56	56	56	60	59	60	63	65
6	Kildare / West Wicklow	86	90	89	89	95	94	95	98	101
7	Wicklow	73	71	73	71	73	77	73	76	81
8	Laois / Offaly	66	68	72	71	71	68	69	68	68
9	Longford / Westmeath	71	74	75	78	72	71	75	70	69
10	North West Dublin	85	89	89	80	82	76	83	83	83
11	Dublin North Central	70	75	76	78	80	81	81	82	85
12	North Dublin	111	117	126	124	129	128	137	132	133
13	Cavan / Monaghan	67	67	67	68	66	67	66	66	68
14	Louth	71	73	74	72	72	74	71	72	73
15	Meath	69	72	73	75	74	77	72	77	77
16	Galway	165	168	173	173	173	174	173	170	171
17	Mayo	85	84	85	83	82	79	76	76	78
18	Roscommon	31	31	32	34	33	33	32	32	34
19	Donegal	91	89	91	95	95	96	96	93	95
20	Sligo / Leitrim / West Cavan	58	58	58	58	60	59	61	60	59
21	Clare	51	52	52	52	54	54	53	52	51
22	North Tipperary / East Limerick	38	37	41	40	40	39	41	41	41
23	Limerick	116	116	116	115	117	119	121	123	119
24	South Lee	135	135	134	130	128	132	132	133	133
25	North Lee	116	116	115	112	109	105	102	102	100
26	West Cork	39	40	37	39	38	39	38	40	39
27	Kerry	87	91	90	93	90	89	91	90	90
28	North Cork	54	54	52	52	53	52	56	55	51
29	Carlow / Kilkenny	71	73	73	77	77	79	80	76	77
30	Waterford	67	66	66	69	69	73	73	70	76
31	South Tipperary	52	49	47	51	53	54	58	57	55
32	Wexford	69	71	72	72	75	77	77	77	76
Grand Total		2,432	2,473	2,490	2,491	2,509	2,531	2,541	2,533	2,547

Note: Information on the number of GPs is available in respect of LHO area only, not available per county