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To ask the Minister for Health the plans to allow online pharmacies to prescribe and deliver PrEP to customers in this jurisdiction (details supplied¹); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O’Sullivan,

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

PrEP is provided in Ireland as part of a combination HIV (and STI) prevention approach within HSE approved services.

At this time, there are no plans to allow online pharmacies to prescribe and deliver PrEP in Ireland.

Yours Sincerely,

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¹ Details supplied: HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a once-a-day pill which, when taken correctly, prevents the user from transmission in the case of a potential exposure to HIV. PrEP is the simplest and most effective method of preventing transmission of HIV, with an efficacy of nearly 100%, especially when used in combination with condoms and regular STI testing.