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Deputy Verona Murphy TD Dail Eireann Leinster House Dublin

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To ask the Minister for Health the total number of GP's currently practicing in County Wexford; the number of GP's practicing in County Wexford in 2004 and 2014; the number of current practicing GP's in County Wexford expected to retire within the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

Numbers of General Medical Services (GMS) General Practitioner's in County Wexford 2004 -2024

Year	No of GPs in Co Wexford
2004	20
2014	39
2024	71

There are currently 7 General Practitioners in County Wexford aged between 65-71 years of age and 3 General Practitioners aged 72 years of age. As per the General Medical Services (GMS) contract a General Practitioner can retire from the age of 65 but can also remain in practice up to the age of 72 of age. General Practitioners must submit three months' notice to the HSE of their intention to resign/retire. I can confirm the HSE have not received notification of any impending resignations or retirements.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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