



24th April 2025

Deputy Joanna Byrne, TD
Leinster House
Kildare St.
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 16023/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs retired from practice in County Louth and East Meath from 2020 to 2024 and to date in 2025; the number of these vacancies filled for the same years – Joanna Byrne

Dear Deputy Byrne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

	GMS GP's Retired/Resigned/Vacancies 2020-2025							
	Louth CHN Areas				East Meath CHN Area			
	Retired	Resigned	Vacancies filled	Vacancies dispersed within the practice	Retired	Resigned	Vacancies filled	Vacancies dispersed within the practice
2020	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
2021	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
2022	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0
2023	3	2	0	5	4	0	0	4
2024	5	5	2	8	1	1	0	2
2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12	10	2	20	5	2	1	6

When a GP retires or resigns, other GP's within the same GP practice may be eligible to inherit the GMS panel under acquired rights therefore it is not always necessary to recruit a new GP to backfill a vacancy. I trust this answers your query however, please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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