



13th May 2025

Deputy Joanna Byrne, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 16024/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of new GP practices opened in County Louth and East Meath for the years 2020 to 2025 – 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.

The East Meath Community Healthcare Area includes the townlands of Ashbourne, Dunshaughlin, Ratoath, Duleek, Bettystown and Laytown. Please see table below:

CHO8	New GP Practices opened in Louth/East Meath for the years 2020-2025 (to date)					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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Louth CHN Areas	0	1	1	0	0	0
East Meath CHN Area	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total	0	1	1	0	2	0

Although only 4 new GP practices opened in Louth and East Meath CHN Areas between 2020-2025 to date, this is not reflective of the total number of new GMS contracts that were issued to GP's in those areas during the same timeframe. Many of these new GP's joined existing GP practices. Please see table below:

CHO8	New GMS GP Contracts in Louth/East Meath for the years 2020-2025 to date					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Louth	3	1	3	4	9	2
East Meath	1	1	4	0	3	2
Total	4	2	7	4	12	4



I trust this answers your query however, please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require any clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Ruane
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