



5th June 2025

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

Re: PQ 16026/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the current average number of patients per GP in County Louth; whether there is a cap on the number of patients each GP can treat; and the number of GP services currently exceed this average – 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.

Please see information below in tabular format:

| <i>PQ16026/25</i> | Louth GMS GP panel size information 2025 | | | | |
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| CHO8 | No of GMS GP's | GMS GP Panel Size cap | GMS GP average panel size | Number of GMS GP's exceeding cap | GMS GP exceeding cap: panel size |
| Louth | 67 | 2200 | 1111 | 1 | 2508 |
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I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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