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To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card patients, GP only card patients, private patients currently waiting to secure a place with a registered GP service in County Louth and East Meath.
-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 (Reference 16028/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In instances where patients cannot get signed GP acceptance, the HSE operates a patient assignment process. This process is in line with the [2023 GP Agreement](#) between the IMO, HSE and Department of Health.

The table below provides a breakdown of patients currently on hold for the assignment of a GP in County Louth and County Meath:

GP Assignment Report	
Area	Total
Louth	80
Medical Card	34
GP Visit Card	46
Meath	59
Medical Card	1
GP Visit Card	58
Grand Total	139

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Reimbursement Service

The Health Service Executive operates the General Medical Services Scheme, which includes Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards, under the Health Act 1970, as amended. It has established a dedicated contact service for members of the Oireachtas specifically for queries relating to the status of Medical Cards and GP Visit Cards applications, which the Deputy / Senator may wish to use for an earlier response. Tel: 01-8647180 / email: Oireachtas.pcrs@hse.ie