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**PQ 18249/25** - *"To ask the Minister for Health if her Department has reviewed the availability of primary care and GP services in the East Wall and Sheriff Street area of Dublin in view of the imminent population increase from the delivery of nearly 600 new residential units; if additional resources or facilities are planned to meet expected healthcare demand; the engagement that has taken place with the HSE to ensure equitable access to health services in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter"* - **Gary Gannon TD**

Dear Deputy Gannon,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Integrated Health Areas of Dublin North County, North City and West Primary Care Unit have advised GP's are self-employed practitioners and therefore may establish practices at a place of their own choosing. There is no prescribed ratio of GP's to patients and the State does not regulate the number of GP's that can set up in a town or community.

Under the GMS scheme, the HSE contracts GPs to provide medical services without charge to medical card and GP visit card holders.

The following table outlines the number of General Practitioners in the North East Inner City and the number of GP Practices in that catchment area. Please note that two of the ten practices operate from the Summerhill Primary Care Centre.

<b>Integrated Health Area Dublin North East Inner City (NEIC)</b> <b>General Practitioners data</b>		
<b>Number of Registered GMS</b>	<b>Number of Registered GMS GP Practices</b>	<b>Number of registered GMS practices within the Summerhill PCC</b>
15	10	2

There are three Primary Care Centres in the North Inner City, they are as follows:

**East Wall Health Centre services are:**

Public Health Nursing (PHN) service running baby clinics, child development clinics and wound dressing. The PHN's in that catchment are based in this centre and are also responsible for all the domiciliary visits.

**North Strand Health Centre services are:**

- Public Health Nursing (PHN) service, running baby clinics, child development clinics and wound dressing. The PHNs in that catchment are based in this centre and are also responsible for all the domiciliary visits.
- Physiotherapy Adults
- Speech and Language Therapy Children
- Smoking cessation Service
- A Methadone clinic is run from this centre provided by Social Inclusion
- DDOC - Out of Hours GP service seven days a week.

**Summerhill Primary Care Centre (PCC) services are:**

- Dental Services
- Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Public Health Nursing (PHN)
- Social Work team
- Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)

In addition, the following HSE services are located in Summerhill Primary Care Centre (PCC):

**Adult Mental Health services:**

- Two Adult Mental Health Multidisciplinary Teams that provide a service for the North Inner city catchment area.
- Adult Mental Health Day Hospital provides a service from 8-8pm Monday to Friday in Summerhill PCC.

**Health and Wellbeing services:**

- The Smoking cessation service
- Social Prescribing

**Disability services:**

- Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT) provide a full range of multi-disciplinary services to the children in North Inner City.

**Chronic Disease Management Satellite Services:**

Primary Care Chronic Disease Management satellite services run clinics in conjunction with the Mater Hospital to provide local outreach services to clients that are not inclined to attend appointments and require more tailored supports.

**NEIC Multi-Disciplinary Teams:**

- NEIC Multi-Disciplinary Schools Teams for children from 5 to 12 years of age, this service is offered to children attending the 10 DEIS schools in the area.
- NEIC Infant Mental Health Team – Beag. This team provides a trauma informed model of care to mothers and babies and supports local service providers with training and intervention.

There are also a number of local outside agencies that run services from Summerhill PCC; the Rotunda Hospital; the Mater Hospital and the Irish Heart Foundation and two GP practices.

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

Yours sincerely,

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