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## PQ ref: 19653/25

To ask the Minister for Health Minister for Health to provide details of current waiting lists for public PrEP services at (details supplied\*); the average waiting time for new patients; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

(\*The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, St Vincent's University Hospital, GMHS)

Dear Deputy Currie

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

Waiting lists need to be interpreted with caution. Services report that when they contact individuals on their waiting list to offer them an appointment, a proportion are already engaged with a different PrEP service. In addition, some individuals who attend a service for the first time are seeking to transfer their care to a more convenient location rather than actually access PrEP for the first time.

The GMHS does not maintain a PrEP waiting list. Information about the availability of new PrEP appointments is communicated on their website <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/sexhealth/gmhs/clinics/">https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/sexhealth/gmhs/clinics/</a>.

The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital currently has 290 individuals on their PrEP waiting list (24/04/2025).

St Vincent's University Hospital currently has 523 individuals on their PrEP waiting list (30/04/2025).

Yours Sincerely,

## Orla McGowan

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