



19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Ms. Joanna Byrne T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 2258/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary medical certificate applications that are currently in hand awaiting processing by the HSE in CHO8; and if she will make a statement on the matter – 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 the table below with the breakdown of figures in each county with the number of primary medical certificate applications that are currently in hand awaiting processing by the HSE in CHO8:

County	Louth	Meath	Laois	Offaly	Longford	Westmeath
<b>No. of PMC applications that are currently in hand awaiting processing.</b>	North Louth - 17 South Louth - 4	16 pending applications.	There are currently 15 Primary Medical Certificates awaiting processing	At present, we have 5 applications waiting to be assessed, and another 2 applications on hold.  Dr. Suranga has just held a PMC clinic and cleared a further 6 applications.	Currently in hand awaiting processing.  No new applicants since last clinic (21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2025)  8 applicants seen in clinics pending decision or waiting medical information	Currently in hand awaiting processing.  3 new applicants since the last clinic (19 Dec 2025)  7 applicants seen in clinic are pending decision or awaiting medical information



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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