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Ms. Grace Boland TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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PQ 41901/25 - "To ask the Minister for Health the steps her Department is taking to address the capacity constraints of GP services in Fingal where population growth has outpaced GP supply; and if she will make a statement on the matter" - **Grace Boland TD**

Dear Deputy Boland,

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

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Integrated Health Area Dublin North County (IHA DNC) and Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW) Primary Care 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.

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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