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PQ: 42786/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of end-of-life medical cards issued, by age group, in each of the years 2020 to and to date in 2024, 2025, in tabular form. -Pádraig Rice

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 42786/25), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The following table indicates the number of EOL medical cards issued from 2020 to 1st July 2025. The figures are broken down by age group. An EOL Card is defined as a card issued on receipt of a Consultant signed Mc1t form.

Age_Group	Age	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Up to July 1st)	Grand Total
A	0 - 4			1			1
D	16 - 24				6	1	7
E	25 - 34	1		2	15	10	28
F	35 - 44	9	3	2	24	28	66
G	45 - 54	10	21	12	71	61	175
H	55 - 64	55	61	21	148	74	359
I	65 - 69	29	27	32	123	62	273
J	75 + over	79	69	22	175	79	424
K	70 - 74	22	23	20	92	31	188
Total		205	204	112	654	346	1521

Please Note the PCRS also grants Terminal Illness Cards where a medical report received from a GP, Consultant or Social worker is assessed by HSE Medical Doctors. The numbers of these are not included herein.

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