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To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs on the GP training scheme from 2018 to 2024; the number of GP's in those years who signed up for the GMS scheme, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response. Please find below the total number of GP trainees enrolled on the GP training scheme per year and also number of graduates per year.

Year of Training *	Total Number of GPs enrolled on the GP Trainee Programme**	Number of Graduates	
18/19	735	141	
19/20	772	155	
20/21	801	144	
21/22	875	174	
22/23	946	164	
23/24	1063	169	

*Please note the training year runs July – June. Therefore two years provided in Column 1. ** Total number of GP Trainees is the combined total number of GP Trainees in Year 1, 2, 3 4 each year.

The HSE is working closely with the Irish College of General Practitioners on a range of measures to expand the GP Workforce and in developing a sustainable model of General Practice for the future in line with Sláintecare. GP Training Places have increased from an intake of 259 in 2022 to 286 in 2023 and an intake of 350 in 2024. The total number of trainees undertaking the four-year programme will increase from the current 1,063 to 1,300 in 2026 – a 25% increase. Funding has been provided in the 2024 budget to enable the HSE and the ICGP to implement this initiative at pace.

In terms of graduates and GMS contracts the HSE do not hold details on the number of graduates who sign up for GMS schemes. However we have included a list below which sets down the number of GPs who signed up to GMS Contracts from 2018 to 2024.



Number of GPs who signed up for the GMS Scheme (2018-2024)							
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
168	156	161	157	165	185	178	

Source- HSE Primary Care Reimbursement Service

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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