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Deputy Erin McGreehan, TD
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 9361/25 - To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the number of GPs located in County Louth; and what actions are being taken to increase the number of GP services in Louth, considering that current GPs are unable to accept new patients – Erin McGreehan

Dear Deputy McGreehan,

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.

I can confirm there are currently 65 GP's in Co. Louth with GMS panels. In 2024, 5 GMS GP's retired and a further 5 GMS GP's resigned. The HSE was successful in reassigning the GMS patients on their panels through recruitment of new GMS GP's, establishment of new GMS panels through Open Entry and transfer of GMS patients to other established GMS GP's under acquired rights. This ensured a continuity of care for the GMS patients.

The GP Contracts Office continues to support GP's to take on new GMS panels through the Open Entry process and to proactively recruit new GMS GP's as soon as they are aware of an upcoming GP vacancy due to retirement and resignation of a GMS GP.

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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