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**PQ: 17858/25 To ask the Minister for Health the share of general medical services scheme practices that received the social deprivation practice grant, in the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ: 17859/25 To ask the Minister for Health the number of general medical services scheme practices in receipt of the social deprivation practice grant, in the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ: 24080/25 To ask the Minister for Health the share of GMS practices that receive the social deprivation practice grant, from the years 2020 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

I refer to your parliamentary questions, which have been passed to the HSE for response.

Following the 2019 GP Agreement between the Department of Health, HSE and the Irish Medical Organisation, funding was provided to support and maintain GP Services for Communities with a high degree of Social Deprivation. This grant is a financial support for GP practices in socially deprived urban areas with a population of 1,500 or more and may be used for costs incurred in engaging additional medical personnel, additional nursing hours, additional key worker hours, additional counselling hours or additional practice administration hours.

The grant allocation process commenced in 2020, with the first tranche of qualifying GP practices receiving financial supports in Q1 2021. This grant process has continued each year since.

It is envisaged that the current Grant application and mapping process will transition to a data driven model in 2025. This process is currently underway and full details in this regard will be available once finalised.

Please see below number of GMS practices in receipt of a Social Deprivation Practice Grant from 2020 to 2024, as requested.



No. of GMS GP practices allocated Social Deprivation Practice Grant				
Year	2020/2021*	2022	2023	2024
Total no. of GMS Practices in receipt of grant	173	261	332	331

*\* The grant process ran from Q4 2020 to 2021 in the first year. From 2022 onwards, the grant process was in line with the calendar year.*

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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