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Deputy Sherlock,
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To ask the Minister for Health her Department's assessment of the number of GP's with a GMS contract who work part-time hours.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response.

As of 1st March 2025 there are approximately 3,174 GPs with a public contract (2,553 GMS & 621 others) and c.800 GPs including those who work privately, GPs in training and International Medical Graduate (IMG) participants.

The Form of Agreement with Registered Medical Practitioners for the Provision of Services under Section 58 of the Health Act 1970 outlines at paragraph 10 that a Medical Practitioner shall be routinely available for consultation by eligible persons at his/her approved surgery or surgeries for domiciliary visiting for a total of 40 hours each week on five or more days in the week.

While there is no provision for part time contracts within the GMS Scheme, in June 2015, the Minister for Health announced a change to the entry provisions of the GMS Scheme to accommodate flexible/shared contracts. Any medical practitioner who is eligible to hold a GMS Contract is entitled to apply to become part of a flexible shared contract arrangement. GPs in a flexible arrangement must ensure the full time equivalence equates to an overall 40 hours in total between them. Of the 2,553 GMS holders referenced above, there are 12 GPs who hold a Flexible shared contract (6 Contracts in total).

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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