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Deputy Brian Stanley  
Leinster House  
Kildare St.  
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**Re: PQ Ref 26567/25**

Dear Deputy Stanley,

I acknowledge receipt of your representation PQ Ref 26567/25 To ask the Minister for Health” the number of GPs providing community care, per population ratio, in County Laois, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

**Laois - Number of GPs per population Ratio**

Number of GPs 2025		Population as per Census 2022	% GPs per Population Ratio
GMS	40	91,877	0.04 %

The maximum panel size for all GMS GP’s is 2200 patients, the average panel size based on the above figures is 2297 per GMS GP. The Government is aware of the workforce issues currently facing general practice and is working to ensure patients across the country continue to have access to GP services and that general practice is sustainable in all areas into the future.

Improvements to GP’s maternity and paternity leave arrangements, increased rural practice supports and a support for GPs in disadvantaged urban areas, have also been provided for. In addition, a steady increase has been seen in the number of doctors entering GP training over recent years, rising from 120 in 2009 to 350 in 2024. These measures will see an increase in the number of GPs working in the State, improving access to GP services for patients throughout the country

If you have any further queries, please contact me

Yours sincerely,



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