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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of people availing of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) via the public system since the programme was established, by clinic and year, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Tully,

Thank you for your question to the Minister for Health, which was forwarded to my office to respond to you directly.

At present, there are 13 public PrEP clinics in Ireland, four of which are located in Dublin; and 17 private/GP providers approved to prescribe free PrEP, 15 of whom are located in Dublin.

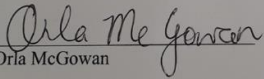
The Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SHCPP), HSE Health and Wellbeing, receives quarterly reports from the Primary Care Reimbursement Scheme (PCRS) on reimbursements made to community pharmacies for dispensing free PrEP medication to PrEP users. This data is provided nationally and is not available by clinic.

Number of individuals for whom PrEP was reimbursed at least once is used as a proxy for those "on PrEP". The annual breakdown is presented in the table below.

To end Q3 2023, 5,460 individuals received PrEP for the first time (filled their first ever prescription for PrEP) through the national programme. The annual breakdown is presented in the table below.

	Nov/Dec 2019	Annual 2020	Annual 2021	Annual 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023
Number of individuals for whom PrEP was reimbursed at least once	346	1763	3279	3388	2985	3337	3666
New PrEP users (first ever PrEP prescription)	346	1433	1761	1240	324	328	352

Yours Sincerely,



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