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To ask the Minister for Health whether there are plans to allow GPs to provide PrEP to their existing patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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 17 private/GP providers approved to prescribe free PrEP, 15 of whom are located in Dublin.

A number of GPs have expressed an interest in becoming an approved PrEP provider and a competency framework has been developed. This includes a free PrEP e-learning programme which is expected to be available in Summer 2024. This programme has been developed by the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SHCPP) in collaboration with the multisectoral PrEP working group and GPs who are interested in becoming approved PrEP providers.

Yours Sincerely,

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