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Mr. Duncan Smith, T.D., Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the shortage of GPs in Cork who perform vasectomies; his Department's plan to ensure that individuals will not be forced to pay privately to access this care; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Currently, we have two GPs with Vasectomy Contracts to provide services to medical card patients in CHO 4. We have not been approached by any other GP requesting this specialised contract since 2016.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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