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Deputy Imelda Munster
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 39182/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs in Drogheda; the number of GPs that are required to deal with the ongoing shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Imelda Munster

Dear Deputy Munster,

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. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

I can confirm that there are currently 28 GMS GP's located in Drogheda town. 28,745 GMS patients are assigned to these GP's in Drogheda town. The World Health Organisation recommends a ratio of 100 GP's per 100,000 population or 1 GP: 1,000 population. The average GMS panel size per GMS GP in Drogheda town is 1,066. This is just above the recommended ratio as per the WHO. In addition, GP's also serve private patients accepted by their GP practices.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Ruane
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