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Deputy Ring,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 39755/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that have approved a primary medical certificate, in each of the past five years, per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -

- Michael Ring

Dear Deputy Ring,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 39755/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The role of the HSE is to undertake the assessment of applications for Primary Medical Certificates. The Certificates are issued under the remit of the Department of Finance, the HSE do not hold records in respect of the number of people who currently hold a Primary Medical Certificate.

The table below provides the available data in respect of primary medical certificates approved by each CHO in 2020 and subsequent years including up to June 2024 which is the most up to date data available.

I trust this is of assistance.

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CHO Area	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved in 2020	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved in 2021	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved in 2022	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved in 2023	Number of applications for a primary medical certificate approved in YTD June 2024
CHO 1	81	170	192	206	84
CHO 2	115	430	285	378	127
CHO 3	114	229	286	280	99
CHO 4	106	287	282	322	169
CHO 5	86	149	153	163	56
CHO 6	70	125	197	230	123
CHO 7	36	135	142	163	54
CHO 8	85	232	239	268	121
CHO 9	142	186	238	273	95
Total	835	1,943	2,014	2,283	928