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To ask the Minister for Health when the e-learning module to enable GPs to prescribe PrEP privately through their surgeries was last available; when it will be available; and the number of doctors waiting to do the training.

Dear Deputy Varadkar,

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

A competency framework has been agreed for approving new GP requests to become PrEP providers. This includes a free PrEP e-learning programme. The PrEP e-learning programme is being developed by the HSE Sexual Health Programme (SHP) in collaboration with the multisectoral PrEP working group, and is near completion. It is expected to be available before the end of 2024 and will be hosted on HSEland. Of note, this e-learning module has not previously been available as it is a new learning development.

At this time, 47 GPs have expressed an interest in becoming an approved PrEP provider. They have been advised of and supported to complete the other competency requirements. They will be informed as soon as the PrEP e-learning programme is available.

Yours Sincerely,

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