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To ask the Minister for Health the number of people (details supplied) who were actively using the health service, by county between 1 February and 1 April 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

The Health Service Executive has been advised to reply directly to you in response to the above parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for your response.

As part of the HSE's response to the Ukrainian conflict and the significant increase in International Protection Applicants accommodated across Ireland, the HSE has developed a Refugee and Applicants Seeking Protection Service Delivery Model. Model Activity reporting templates have been established for Catch-Up Immunisation, GP sessions, and in-reach teams. Data by county is not readily available, however for the Deputy's information, the below data based on Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTPs) and International Protection Applicants (IPAs) is recorded and reported at Community Health Organisation (CHO) level at the end of May 2024.

Please find below data on

1. **Catch-up Immunisation data.** The number of BOTPs and International Protection Applicants (IPAs) who received catch up vaccinations in February and March 2024.

CHO	February 2024 BOTP-IPA catch-up Vaccinations	March 2024 BOTP-IPA catch-up Vaccinations
Community Healthcare Organisation Area 1	153	70
Community Healthcare West	160	183
Mid West Community Healthcare	62	58
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare	67	0
South East Community Healthcare	21	<10
Community Healthcare East	67	159
Community Healthcare Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow	51	12
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation	58	241
Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City & County	146	118

2. **GP Sessional Data.** The number of patients (BOTP and IPA) seen by sessional GPs. Please note that number of consultations provided are not unique individuals (i.e. a patient could have more than 1 consultation in the reporting period).

CHO	February 2024 BOTP-IPA number of consultations provided by sessional GPs	March 2024 BOTP-IPA number of consultations provided by sessional GPs
Community Healthcare Organisation Area 1	491	470
Community Healthcare West	517	607
Mid West Community Healthcare	1151	1191
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare	807	808
South East Community Healthcare	626	572
Community Healthcare East	248	293
Community Healthcare Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow	437	465
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation	228	255
Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City & County	137	140

3. **In reach data (arrivals/first health responses).** The number of new arrivals (both BOTP and IPA). Please note that due to geographical spread, extensive number of facilities per CHO, challenges with recruiting staff and the transient nature of facilities housing new arrivals, activity under 'First Health Responses' includes physical visits, phone calls to centre managers/individuals, emails, texts, completion of Health Status Questionnaires, provision of welcome packs/orientation/sign-posting to health services. In light of this, for all CHOs the number of first health responses has been taken to equal to the number of new arrivals.

CHO	February 2024 BOTP-IPA number of new arrivals/first health responses	March 2024 BOTP-IPA number of new arrivals/first health responses
Community Healthcare Organisation Area 1	433	336
Community Healthcare West	264	150
Mid West Community Healthcare	55	63
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare	322	240
South East Community Healthcare	101	72
Community Healthcare East	237	105
Community Healthcare Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow	298	676
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation	157	363
Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City & County	111	206

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', written in a cursive style.

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