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Re: Item 78924 May 2023 Lucan Palmerstown North Clondalkin ACM

Dear Ms Sinclair,

I refer to the above referenced representation in relation to your recent correspondence in regard to GP appointments. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm the HSE in conjunction with the ICGP (Irish College of General Practitioners) are currently expanding the number of GP's on the training schemes. The HSE advertises posts that become vacant when a GP retires to try fill the vacancy in the area. GP's can also sign up to become GMS GP's via open entry, the HSE do not restrict the number of GP's who wish to take out a GMS contract under open entry. As each GP is a self-employed contractor they have the option to open their practice in any area they wish, except in the case where a GP is awarded a GMS list through the advertising of the panel of a retiring GP, the incoming GP would be required to work within a given radius of the retiring GP's location.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Interim Head of Service, Primary Care

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