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To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of a full medical card; the number of persons on a full medical card; the average cost of a general practitioner visit only card; the number of persons on a general practitioner visit only card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Pauline Tully.

Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 4374/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The following table gives an indicative cost of providing Medical Card and GP Visit Card eligibility to individuals within the various age cohorts (based on the actual claims for the 12 month period to September 2020).

Yearly cost (€)	MC	GPVC
0 – 4 Years	444	248
5-15 Years	349	176
16-44 Years	815	202
45-64 Years	1,439	294
65-69 Years	1,858	339
70 Years and Over	2,373	653

A report on the latest figures pertaining to the number of people in receipt of Medical Cards / GP Visit Card eligibility can be accessed via the attached link to the online portal under "Eligibility Figures".

https://www.sspcrs.ie/portal/annual-reporting/report/eligibility

Yours sincerely,

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