

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**Question**

“Will the Minister advise how many GP consultations have been conducted under the Health Access Scheme (HAS), broken down by month, since its launch in January 2021?”

**Answer**

The Health Access Scheme was launched on 11 December 2020. Under the scheme members of Income Support households and people in receipt of Pension Plus benefit receive General Practice services at reduced cost. A surgery consultation with a GP will cost scheme members £12 and £9 to see a nurse. Children of these households have surgery consultations free of charge.

The £12 GP consultation fee includes other common services such as

- blood test
- urine test
- pregnancy test
- referral letter
- ECG
- swabs
- spirometry (lung test)

Therefore, if a patient is asked to make a second appointment for any of these tests, they will not be charged a second fee.

The table below shows the number of consultations recorded with a general practitioner. It excludes consultations with a nurse or any other allied health care professional and excludes visits where a service (as listed above) was provided as part of the cost of the initial consultation.

Years	Consultation Date	Home	Remote	Surgery	Grand Total
<b>2020</b>	Dec	156	638	945	1739
<b>2021</b>	Jan	342	985	1922	3249
	Feb	271	716	2175	3162
	Mar	339	970	3227	4536
	Apr	260	702	2727	3689
	May	266	608	2805	3679
	Jun	278	670	3220	4168
	Jul	295	962	2813	4070
	Aug	286	999	2696	3981
Sep	270	624	2895	3789	

	Oct	307	684	3184	4175
	Nov	274	882	3227	4383
	Dec	255	861	2571	3687
<b>2022</b>	Jan	270	963	2597	3830
	Feb	259	800	2538	3597
	Mar	298	999	3187	4484
	Apr	236	679	2485	3400
	May	231	648	2810	3689
	Jun	177	660	2616	3453
	Jul	174	860	2181	3215
	Aug	173	652	2447	3272
	Sep	190	802	2470	3462
	Oct	182	809	2712	3703