

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2020**

**Question**

Will the Minister update Members in relation to ‘Affordable Access to Primary Care Scheme’ (P.125/2019), advising in particular –

- (a) when the scheme will be available to vulnerable groups;
- (b) which vulnerable groups have been identified and will be targeted as being able to access the scheme;
- (c) which identified vulnerable groups are to be omitted from the scheme, if any; and
- (d) the reasons behind the group selection?

**Answer**

As set out in the answer to WQ390/2020 addressed to the Minister for Social Security, officers are currently discussing a contractual relationship with GPs to deliver a new scheme which will reduce the cost of General Practice appointments for low income groups and discussions regarding the proposed contractual relationship are ongoing.

This work is in line with the actions set out in P.125/2019 and the commitments of the 2020 Government Plan, where the Council of Ministers sought to ‘*Deliver new models of primary care including the development of a model to support access to primary care for financially vulnerable individuals*’.

- a) It is the intention that the scheme will be available by January 2021.
- b), c) and d) The exact nature of the groups to be included or excluded from the scheme forms part of the ongoing negotiations. It would be inappropriate to provide further information at this stage, but once the negotiations are complete details will be published.