Access to General Practice Care

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UK Spending on Healthcare

- GP Spending: 8.90%
- Remaining Expenditure

Ireland Spending on Healthcare

- GP Spending: 3.60%
- Remaining Expenditure
1/4 of GPs in Cork are due to retire in the next 5 to 7 years

Many communities will be left without a GP

#reverseFEMPI

42% of GPs in Kilkenny are due to retire in the next 5 to 7 years

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Solving the Chronic Disease Problem through General Practice

BETTER CARE FOR PATIENTS
BETTER VALUE FOR THE STATE
So why General Practice?
“GPs are very clearly saying to me, the Government and the country, that they cannot do more unless the existing services are made sustainable,”

Stephen Donnelly, T.D.
Fianna Fail
Spokesperson on Health

“Rather than struggling to keep practices open, GPs should be treating patients and helping to establish an exciting new model of community based care in which they are future leaders.”

Simon Harris, T.D.
Minister for Health
Effective primary care is essential to deliver high value care, but change needs to be driven by evidence based policy and investment, argue Jessica Watson and colleagues.

The Economic Impact of Improvements in Primary Healthcare Performance

https://www.bmj.com/
Conclusions This first systematic review reveals that increased continuity of care by doctors is associated with lower mortality rates. Although all the evidence is observational, patients across cultural boundaries appear to benefit from continuity of care with both generalist and specialist doctors. Many of these articles called for continuity to be given a higher priority in healthcare planning. Despite substantial, successive, technical advances in medicine, interpersonal factors remain important.
Equal Access

Flexibility

Timely

> 27 million consultations

90% of issues dealt with within the Practice

High Satisfaction rates
Memorandum of Understanding between HSE, the Department of Health and IMO on a new GP Contract
Rate of emigration by young doctors leaving villages in lurch
defend, rights, people, advocate, views, access, information, promote, people, voice, express, support, vulnerable, particularly, advocacy, society, concerns, views, services, speaking, choices, person, advanced
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