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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Eireann,
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Dublin 2.

RE PQ 13232/19: To ask the Minister for Health if there are vacancies in the ophthalmology section of the primary care centre in north Drogheda; if the vacancy will be filled in the short-term; the alternative arrangements being made for patients to receive the necessary treatment in the interim; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question and Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Ophthalmology Services in County Louth are provided by a Team consisting of a Community Ophthalmologist, Optometrist and Orthoptist. We did have a sessional Ophthalmologist employed for some time to cover sick leave however, this has now ceased. There are no vacancies at present.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation