



Cúram Sláinte
Phobail, Iarthar
ag freastal ar Ghaillimh,
Maighéo agus Ros Comáin

Community
Healthcare West
serving Galway, Mayo
and Roscommon

Ceannasaí na Seirbhísí Bunchúraim
Cúram Sláinte Phobail, Iarthar, Ceanncheathrú N. Muire,
Caisleán an Bharraigh, Co. Mhaigh Eo, F23 HP58.
T: 094 9049064 / 094 9049069

Head of Primary Care Services
Community Healthcare West, St. Mary's Headquarters,
Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 HP58.
Tel: 094 9049064 / 094 9049069

7th October 2019

Deputy Eugene Murphy
Elphin St.
Strokestown
Co. Roscommon

PQ: 39643/19

To ask the Minister for Health if some of the workload from the local health office in Ballinasloe, County Galway will be allocated to health offices in west County Galway or Galway city on an interim basis in order to clear the backlog of applications awaiting approval under the HSE Community Ophthalmic Services Scheme for Medical Card patients, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that the vacant Clerical Administration position, Community Ophthalmic Service (Adult Eye Testing Scheme) in Ballinasloe Health Centre, Co. Galway was filled on the 3rd September 2019. Priority is being given to processing the backlog of applications. The Galway office is assisting with this process.

Please be advised that if a client has a current medical card and requires approval under the scheme urgently for medical reasons, they can be advised to contact Ballinasloe Health Centre directly at 09096-46200.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

Frank Murphy
Head of Primary Care
Community Healthcare West