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**PQ 38769/19 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff by job title working in the paediatric eye care team in CHO area 9; the number of vacancies by job title in the team; and if he will make a statement on the matter.. – Thomas P. Broughan**

Dear Deputy Broughan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and have provided the information requested below.

Following a Primary Care Eye Services Review, CHO DNCC and the Children's University Hospital Temple Street, set up a Joint Governance Group to review and improve ophthalmology services in the area. Additional funding was secured for recruitment of staff to form a multi-disciplinary eye care team, some of which work across both sites.

The following is the Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) of multi-disciplinary staff primarily based in the Community Eye Clinic, Grangegorman Primary Care Centre in CHO 9:

WTE	GRADE
1	Community Ophthalmic Physician
2	Senior Orthoptists (WTE 1.5 working across 2 sites – Community & Acute)
1	Basic Orthoptist (working across 2 sites – Community & Acute)
2	Optometrist (both working across 2 sites – Community & Acute)
1.8	Grade III, Clerical Officer
0.6	Nurse

There are currently 1.5 WTE vacancies and approval has been sought to proceed with recruitment as soon as possible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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