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Mr Noel Grealish TD Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

*Re: PQ 42233/20 "To ask the Minister for Health when the Sligo scheme for cataract treatment will be rolled out to the rest of the country; the time frame for same given that it was committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter".* 

Dear Deputy Grealish,

The Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon who designed and implemented the improved pathway of care for patients with Cataracts in Sligo has recently begun the implementation of this pathway in the Donegal Ophthalmic service also. The service is currently in the process of developing improved referral criteria and processes, which are expected to reduce the wait times for existing and new patients in Donegal who are referred for Cataract assessment and care.

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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