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PQ: 42323/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of applicants and amount of funding provided to the community ophthalmic services scheme in 2019; the same details to date in 2020; and the average amount of reimbursement provided per applicant in each year. -Brid Smith.

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 42323/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

- The Budget Allocated to COSS in 2019 was €29.48m
- The Spend for COSS in 2019 was €29,261,878

- The Budget Allocated to COSS in 2020 was €29,688,650.
- The October 2020 YTD spend on the community ophthalmic services scheme was €18,058,410.

The number of treatments reported per December 2019 Performance Report was 775,146 and the number of treatments reported per October 2020 Performance Report was 465,371 (Oct 2019:- 639,745).

It should also be noted that activity levels were severely impacted by Covid during 2020.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Doyle
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