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Ms. Pauline Tully TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ ref 20177/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for ophthalmology in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the average waiting time for appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Tully,

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 Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response.

Based on the most recent Monthly Activity Data I can confirm that there are currently 970 clients waiting for treatment in Cavan Monaghan. This is broken down as follows:

- Children and young people under the age of 18 years = 606
- Adults over 18 years = 364

Waiting times are as follows:

- 109 clients are waiting 12 weeks or less;
- 218 are waiting 26 weeks or less and
- 309 are waiting 39 weeks or less;
- 176 are waiting 52 weeks or less
- 158 are waiting over 52 weeks.

The numbers waiting for a service has increased by over 30% since the start of current Covid crisis in March and more than 60% of referrals were waiting 26 weeks or less on that date. We are currently progressing plans to recommence services in line with current Public Health, HSA and NPHET guidance.

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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