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**Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne,
4 Pella Road,
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Co. Clare**

Re: PQ Ref 20889/20 The number of persons on the waiting list for Ophthalmology in Co Clare.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for ophthalmology in County Clare; the average waiting time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

There are 335 patients on our Ophthalmology waiting list in Co Clare at the end of June 2020. 40% of patients are waiting 6 months or less and 82% are waiting less than 52 weeks to be seen. All referrals are clinically triaged and priority is determined based on clinical need. The waiting times are currently longer due to the impact of COVID-19 on the provision of services.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in our representation.

Yours sincerely,

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