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Deputy Violet-Anne Wynne,
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Re: PQ Ref 23418/20 Number of persons in the Mid-West awaiting eye appointment and the waiting times.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question in relation to the above *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the Mid-West awaiting an eye appointment, waiting list in the Mid-West by county and the length of time they have been waiting 3, 6 and more than 12 months, in tabular form”*.

Please see table below which outlines the current waiting list for Ophthalmology Services across the Mid West at the end of August 2020.

Area	Total	0-3 mths	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	> 12 mths
Limerick	243	27	18	81	72	45
Clare	374	73	15	147	93	46
North Tipp	242	44	53	63	37	45
Total	859	144	86	291	202	136

It is important to note that all referrals are triaged by the Community Ophthalmic Physician and the service endeavours to see all patients triaged as urgent within 3 months. As of today's date the waiting list in Co. Clare is down to 320 and some additional clinics are planned for the coming weeks to address this.

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

Yours sincerely,


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