



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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Dublin 2.

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PQ 19348/21 *To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish eye clinic liaison officer positions in ophthalmology clinics outside of Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Hourigan

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 Minister for Health for response.

Following representations, the HSE met with the NCBI in December 2020. The NCBI identified the potential benefits associated with the introduction of Eye Care Liaison Officer posts and experience from introduction of such posts in specific Hospitals. No specific resources were allocated to the HSE to support this development in 2021. However, the HSE are examining the potential to support NCBI in 2021 within current resources. The HSE will engage directly with NCBI directly in this regard.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

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