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REPDR/21/03214 & PQ 23691/21
Ophthalmic services for Children in North Mayo

Dear Deputy Calleary,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representaion. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The previous Community Ophthalmologist transferred on 22nd February from Mayo to Galway. The Community Ophthalmic Physician post was advertised via the National Recruitment Service and no suitable candidates applied for the role.

A business case has been prepared and submitted to National Primary Care to recruit a Consultant Medical Ophthalmologist which will ultimately provide an enhanced level of care.

As an interim measure, a once weekly Medical Ophthalmology clinic has been established on a sessional basis for urgent, new and review patients.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Warde

Head of Primary Care Services Community Healthcare West