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Deputy Doherty,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ 47567/21

To ask the Minister for Health the reason neonatal and premature baby ophthalmic care is unavailable at Letterkenny University Hospital; if there are plans to introduce this care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

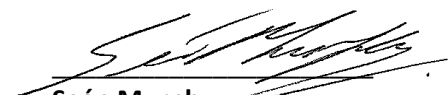
Letterkenny University Hospital does not have an acute ophthalmology service on site.

Ophthalmology care to the Donegal population is delivered through the community ophthalmology service bases in St Conal's Hospital and run by CHO1. Acute ophthalmology services for what was the former North Western Health Board were located in Sligo and the Sligo University Service provides outreach support to LUH. including neo natal ophthalmology support.

The SUH based Consultant Ophthalmologist visits Letterkenny University Hospital .

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

Yours Sincerely,



Seán Murphy
General Manager
Letterkenny General Hospital