



26th October 2021

Deputy John Brady,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 48402/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for ophthalmology in County Wicklow; the average waiting time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- John Brady

Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 48402/21) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Please note that we do not report the average current wait times for Ophthalmology services. However, we do report the total numbers waiting at the end of each month.

In CHO 6, there are currently no patients on the waiting list for paediatric ophthalmology services. All new referrals are offered appointments.

In CHO 7, Dublin South Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare covers a part of Wicklow only. The Ophthalmology hub in Kildare serves Kildare and West Wicklow and therefore the data is collected for Kildare and West Wicklow together. As of 30th September 2021, the number of children awaiting a new appointment is 1388.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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