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To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no consultant ophthalmologist located permanently at Letterkenny University Hospital; if an assessment of need was carried out in respect of this decision; if that assessment will be made available; and if he will liaise with the Health Service Executive to recruit a consultant ophthalmologist to be located permanently in Letterkenny University Hospital

Dear Deputy Doherty,

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

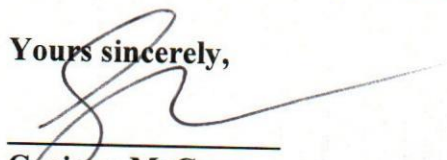
Response:

Ophthalmic Services in the North West are set up as follows:

The Ophthalmic Service in Letterkenny is based in St Conal's Hospital and supported by Community Ophthalmic Physicians. The Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons from Sligo University Hospital provide clinics three days per month in St Conal's and one theatre session in Letterkenny University Hospital per month. All other surgery is carried out in Sligo University Hospital where there is designated theatre suite within the ophthalmic department in Sligo University Hospital.

I trust that this addresses your query.

Yours sincerely,



**Grainne McCann,
Hospital Manager.**

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We recognise and value the contribution of each staff member and endeavour to support them in their ongoing development.*