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Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 50492/ 21 - To ask the Minister for Health when a full service will be restored at the Letterkenny University Hospital community ophthalmic service.

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above query. I have linked with the relevant services and below is our response to your query.

The Medical Ophthalmologist workforce in Donegal continues to operate at a reduced capacity and unfortunately there is no confirmed date yet for the restoration of the workforce to full capacity. However, the appointment of replacement Ophthalmologists in the immediate and longer term is being progressed and prioritised by the Human Resource department. We have also received formal approval to progress the recruitment of a Consultant Medical Ophthalmologist which we will be progressing as well.

In the meantime contingency plans are in place to ensure that all patients with the highest need are offered Ophthalmology care by the remaining Ophthalmology workforce in conjunction with our Ophthalmology colleagues in Sligo University Hospital who visit Letterkenny University Hospital.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dermot'.

Dermot Monaghan,
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