



19th October 2021

Deputy Catherine Murphy
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ 50571/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for eye examinations in County Kildare. - Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy

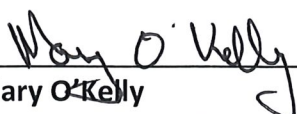
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Ophthalmology hub in Kildare serves Kildare and West Wicklow. As it was not possible to isolate the data for West Wicklow, therefore the information supplied below pertains to both counties.

- As at 30th September 2021 the number of children awaiting a new appointment in Kildare and West Wicklow is 1388
- The average wait time for an appointment is 61 weeks.

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

Yours sincerely,


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