

Rannan na nOspideil Ghearmhíochaine Aonad <u>4A</u> – Áras Dargan An Ceantar Theas An Bothar Mileata Cill Mhaighneann BÁC 8

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Deputy Catherine Murphy Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 50572/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of recruiting 15 additional full-time eye clinic liaison officers.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive was requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Following representations, the HSE met with the NCBI in December 2020. The NCBI identified the estimated cost of an Eye Care Liaison Officer (ECLO) as €70,000, therefore the estimated cost of 15 ECLO's is €1.050m.

The HSE will seek to prioritise the development of the ECLO within the context of available funding in 2022.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Kidd

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