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Deputy Carol Nolan  
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**PQ 46479/21 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ring-fence funding for the eye clinic liaison officer programme until 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ 46496/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to expand the eye clinic liaison officer service countrywide with seven posts in total at an estimated cost of €490,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive was requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, 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 potential benefits associated with the introduction of Eye Care Liaison Officer (ECLO) posts and experience from the introduction of such posts on a limited basis. No specific resources were allocated to the HSE to support the introduction of ECLO's in 2021.

However, HSE has identified once off resources in 2021 to support a limited number of ECLO posts. The HSE will engage directly with NCBI in this regard.

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,

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