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RE: PQ 20899/22

*** To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent staff by job title working in the eye clinic at University Hospital Limerick; the number of whole-time equivalent vacancies by job title currently in the eye clinic; when will these vacancies be filled in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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

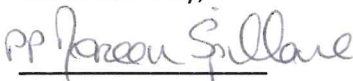
The Ophthalmology service at University Hospital Limerick offers a number of dedicated services. The Ophthalmology Outpatients Clinic is staffed by four Ophthalmology Consultants accompanied by up to five NCHDs and three nurses depending on service demands. There is also an Emergency Ophthalmology Clinic and Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Clinic which are both operated from the OPD. The Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Clinic is also supported by an additional ophthalmologist from Community Healthcare Mid-West.

Our Ophthalmology service includes a dedicated Orthoptist and Photographic technician. In addition to the above, we offer pre-operative assessment and a visual fields clinic staffed by two nurses.

Separately, I am pleased to let you know that there are no current vacancies in our Ophthalmology Service.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
UL Hospitals Group