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Deputy Seán Canney,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 40484/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that children who have eyesight issues and are entitled to an annual eye examination are being refused on the basis of lack of capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Seán Canney

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 40484/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Clinical Programme for Ophthalmology Model of Care for the delivery of services, and the HSE Review of Primary Eye Care Services, set out a clear blueprint for the delivery of care and the expansion of capacity.

The model includes the implementation of integrated eye care teams working across the hospital groups and community healthcare organisations (CHOs). These teams include Consultant Medical Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, Orthoptists, Nurses and Technicians.

Additional funding has been provided in CHO 6, 7 & 9 to establish the integrated eye care teams. New posts have been recruited in CHO 6, 7 & 9 and recruitment is ongoing. Teams are working in Primary Care centres. There are plans for additional locations under development. Work is ongoing to establish teams across other hospitals/CHOs nationally.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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