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Deputy Paul Murphy T.D.,
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Re: PQ 32575/22 – Waiting Times, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital

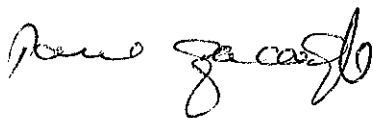
“To ask the Minister for Health if there are any options available to a 71 year old person who has been on a waiting list for a cataract consultation for over a year with the Eye and Ear Hospital who has been informed that it could be another three to four years before they get to see a specialist given that they are unable to afford to go privately; and if there are any other choices for this person.”

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding waiting times in the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the waiting time for a routine outpatient department appointment in the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital is 4 to 5 years. If a patient has been on the waiting list for over a year and their condition has worsened, the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital advises the patient to ask their GP to send a new letter with an update of their condition which may speed up the consultation time.

Yours sincerely



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