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Pearse Doherty T.D. Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

PQ 51236/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time optometrists employed by the HSE working in County Donegal in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the locations where these optometrists are located.

Dear Deputy Doherty

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. I have examined the matter and the following table outlines the position.

The number of whole time equivalent Optometrists employed by the HSE working in County Donegal in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022		
2020	2021	2022
0.6 WTE	1 WTE	1.4 WTE

All optometrists in Donegal are based in the Eye Clinic St. Conal's Hospital, Letterkenny and go out to peripheral clinics, as required.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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