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**Deputy Patricia Ryan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

PQ / – 52344/22 To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a nationwide children's eye-care programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Patricia Ryan

Dear Deputy,

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

A national vision surveillance and screening programme is already in existence for children.

This HSE document 'Best Health for Children' includes details;

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/children/best-health-for-children-revisited.pdf>

As does this HSE document:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/primary/eye-services-review-group-report.pdf>

Children undergo a number of checks and there is a pathway in place for any children who fail the screening test or are identified in other ways as needing specialist medical care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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