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Deputy Colm Burke Dáil Éireann Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to expedite the processing of applications for medical card holders in the Crumlin area who require care under the HSE community ophthalmic services scheme for persons who require eye examination and optical appliances, in view of the fact that the processing of these applications is taking anything up to four months and persons are being denied access to ophthalmic services; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

-Colm Burke, TD

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Primary Care Service has provided additional resources to prioritise the processing of Optical Applications in the Crumlin area. The wait time is currently at 4 weeks.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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