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Deputy David Cullinane, TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re ref: PQ ref 44435/22

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time optometrists and orthoptists employed by the HSE in CHO6 in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Title	Employed by CHO6 in 2021	Employed by CHO6 in 2022
Optometrist	1	1
Senior Orthoptist	1	2

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

Yours sincerely,

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