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Re: PQ 18254/23

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

I refer to the recent representation made, which has been referred for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the RVEEH provide a 24/7 emergency service for ophthalmology patients. Any patient that presents at the door with chemical / penetrating injury will be seen immediately. Patients can self-refer or be referred by GP/Optician using healthmail during core working hours with doctor-to-doctor referral after 5pm. The ENT service runs from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and is closed at weekends and bank holidays.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

Donal Brosnahan
Accountable Officer and Clinical Director