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

**PQ 19078/23 – To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the number of people on waiting lists for eye treatments, including the length of time spent waiting broken down on a quarterly basis, in tabular form.**

**- Holly Cairns**

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Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (19078/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality services to all eligible service users. In 2022, there were over 1.3 million patients seen by HSE primary care services. It is worth noting that COVID-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas in 2020, 2021 and 2022. This has resulted in an increase in those waiting. The HSE continues to work hard to address these challenges and find solutions to decrease the numbers waiting as a result of the Covid-19 crisis.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting list in each CHO area, as of February 2023, which is the latest data available at this time.

- Appendix 1 – CHO Ophthalmology Waitlist as at February 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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