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## Re: PQ 5787/23 - "To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to provide more ophthalmic services in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Doherty

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 for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo.

A new Consultant Ophthalmologist commenced in post within the Community Ophthalmic Service in Donegal on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December, 2022. This appointment has resulted in continued delivery of the Intravitreal Injection Service for the Donegal population in Letterkenny University Hospital.

In addition, Day Services for minor ophthalmic procedures have recommenced in Letterkenny University Hospital. It is envisaged this will reduce waiting times for such procedures.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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