

1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023

Pauline Tully T.D.  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 36247/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Tully

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.

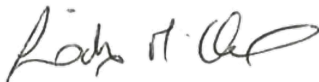
I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo (CH CDLMS).

A vacant Community Ophthalmic Physician post, due to retirement, in Cavan/Monaghan Primary Care Ophthalmology Service has been recruited. Cavan/Monaghan Primary Care are also seeking approval to recruit additional clinical staff for Ophthalmology Services.

There are no vacant optometry or ophthalmology posts in the Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal Primary Care Ophthalmology Services at present.

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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