



6th April 2023

Deputy Sean Sherlock,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

RE: PQ Ref 14487/23

*** To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgeries carried out in an area (details supplied)*
- Deputy Sean Sherlock**

The number of surgeons in the South-South West hospital Group and the amount of surgeries for cataracts carried out in the years 2019. 2020. 2021. 2022. 2023 year to date by surgeon and hospital in the SSWHG, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Cataract surgeries for the South/South West Hospital Group are performed in both University Hospital Waterford (UHW) and South Infirmary/Victoria University Hospital (SIVUH). There are currently 6 Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons in UHW and 5 Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeons in SIVUH.

The following table outlines the number of cataract surgeries performed in UHW and SIVUH from 2019 – 21st March 2023.

| Number of Cataract Surgeries Peformed | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Year | UHW | SIVUH |
| 2019 | 984 | 1136 |
| 2020 | 546 | 896 |
| 2021 | 559 | 1016 |
| 2022 | 661 | 1127 |
| 2023 | 185 (up to 21 st March) | 219 (up to 21 st March) |

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. O'Callaghan', written over a horizontal line.

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