



10th May, 2023

Deputy Denis Naughton
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 21825/23 - 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 Naughton

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.

The table below details the requested information pertaining to vacant posts in Ophthalmology Services in Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan and Sligo (CH CDLMS).

The number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in Primary Care Services in CHO1	
Area	Vacant Posts
Donegal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Two Community Ophthalmic Physician posts (both are 1.0 Whole Time Equivalent)One Staff Nurse post (0.8 Whole Time Equivalent)One Clinical Nurse Manager (1.0 Whole Time Equivalent)
Sligo/Leitrim	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One Community Ophthalmic Physician (1.0 Whole Time Equivalent).
Cavan Monaghan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Two vacant Community Ophthalmology posts. One of these vacancies is presently been covered by locum Community Ophthalmologist providing 9 clinics per month.The HSE has advertised a Consultant Medical Ophthalmologist post and we expect the successful candidate to commence over the coming months.

CH CDLMS Community Ophthalmology Services are actively trying to fill all vacant posts.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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