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Deputy Denis Naughten  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
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**Re PQ 21832/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant optometry and ophthalmology roles in primary care services in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Denis Naughten**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

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 outlined the position as follows;

At present, the Community Ophthalmology services covers Louth and Meath only in CHO8. Ophthalmology services in the Midlands is provided through the hospital pathway.

There are no vacant posts in Ophthalmology in Meath and there is one vacant post in Louth for a 1.0 WTE Optometrist which we are liaising with Recruitment re the scheduling of the advertising of this post.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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