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Deputy Moynihan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 24932/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; the numbers waiting 0 to 12 weeks; the numbers waiting 12 to 26 weeks; the numbers waiting 26 to 52 weeks; and the numbers waiting more than 52 weeks.

-Michael Moynihan

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (24932/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality services to all eligible service users. In 2022, there were over 1.3 million patients seen by HSE primary care services, this represents a 5.5% increase on the previous year. In January to March 2023 a total of 353,670 therapy patients were seen which is an increase of 13.3% on the same period in 2022. It is worth noting that COVID-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas in 2020, 2021 and 2022. This has resulted in an increase in those waiting.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the Ophthalmology waiting list in each LHO area, as at the end of April 2023 which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – LHO Ophthalmology Waitlist as at the end of April 2023

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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