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Deputy Donnelly,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 25861/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE optometrists employed by the HSE working in primary care settings within CHO7 and CHO9 in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and the locations where these optometrists are, in tabular form.

-Paul Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 25861/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary eye care in the community is delivered by general practitioners (GPs), optometrists and ophthalmologists. The HSE is committed to delivering efficient high quality services to all eligible service users. In 2022, there were 79,974 patients seen by HSE Ophthalmology services in Primary Care.

Please see below tables outlining the number of WTE Optometrists employed by the HSE in CHO 7 and CHO 9.

Number of WTE Optometrists employed in CHO 7:

Year	Kildare	Kilnamanagh	Total
2021	1	1	2
2022	1	1.8	2.8
2023 (At 01/06/2023)	1	3.5	4.5

Number of WTE Optometrists employed in CHO 9

Year	Grangegorman Primary Care Centre	Total
2021	2	2
2022	2	2
2023 (YTD)	5	5



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Seán McArt".

Seán McArt

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