



An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Scagthástála
National Screening Service

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Deputy Sean Fleming
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Our Ref: GM/Communications

PQ12010/23: To ask the Minister for Health if there is any further update regarding providing retinal screening facilities in locations in County Laois (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: I am just referring you to a previous question 12010/23.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question, and the response issued on 23 March 2023 following your previous question on this matter (PQ12010.23).

Since our letter to you on 23 March 2023, the Diabetic RetinaScreen (DRS) programme has completed a procurement process for the provision of diabetic retina screening services across the country. We expect a new contract to be in place in January 2024.

A new screening venue in Portlaoise has been provided for in the contract and we expect it will open before the end of Q1 2024.

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

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Murphy,
Chief Executive.

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