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Mr Michael Healy-Rae TD,
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PQ 29910/24 To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the 26 counties who have availed of the Cross-Border Directive scheme to apply for a refund for cataract removal in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Healy-Rae

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

I regret information relating to the Cross Border Directive (CBD) scheme and the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme (NIPHS) are not collated by procedure. I can confirm the information for the past five years as it relates to ophthalmology and I am setting the in tabular form information which I hope will be of assistance to you. Please also note that this relates to episodes of care and not to individual patients as one patient may have more than one episode of care e.g. an outpatient and day case treatment.

Number of reimbursements for ophthalmology treatment in the EU/EEA under the Cross Border Directive (CBD) and in the Private Healthcare Sector of Northern Ireland under the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme (NIPHS).

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CBD – outpatient	2,670	1,306	403	72	88
CBD – day case		1,395	491	99	146
CBD - inpatient	4	1	3	1	3
NIPHS – outpatient	n/a	n/a	430	996	1,349
NIPHS – day case	n/a	n/a	448	1119	1,506
NIPHS - inpatient	n/a	n/a	0	0	0

The number of reimbursements detailed above includes outpatient, day case and inpatient episodes of care relating to cataracts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frances McNamara".

Frances McNamara
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