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Deputy Alan Kelly
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Re: PQ 25580/24 - "To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE opticians by grade employed by the HSE working in CHO3 in the years 2023 and to date in 2024 in tabular form."

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Primary Care Unit Manager has confirmed that there are no Opticians employed in the HSE Primary Care Ophthalmology Services in the Mid West area (CHO3). However, she has advised that the following clinicians are employed by the HSE and they work in the Community Ophthalmology Services in CHO3:

Job Title/Grade	WTE value	Comment
Community Ophthalmic Physician (COP)	1.52	1 WTE (COP) has a 50/50 commitment between Community & Hospital services
Community Orthoptist	1	

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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