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29th April 2024

Mr. Paul Donnelly T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 16490/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have attended the eye emergency department at the Mater Hospital in 2024 and to date in 2025; and if there are plans to restore this service to a walk-in facility.”*

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

HSE Dublin and North East has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you submitted for response. Having examined the matter, the following outlines the position.

Please see below attendances to The Eye Emergency Department in The Mater Misericordiae University Hospital in the timeframes requested;

Time Period	Patient Attendances
2025 (Jan – March)	4,761
2024	18,619

There are currently no plans to restore the service to a ‘walk in’ facility.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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