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Deputy Alan Kelly
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Re: PQ 30398/25 - "To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Medical Ophthalmologists based within community services of CHO3 in 2024 and to date in 2025, 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 1.6 WTE Community Ophthalmologists employed in the Community Ophthalmology Service in the HSE Mid West in 2024 and to date in 2025.

	WTE Value	Comments
WTE value of Medical Ophthalmologists based within Community Services HSE Mid West in 2024 & to date in 2025	1.6 WTE	Please note that of the 1.6 WTE reported – 1 WTE is a split role between Community Services and University Hospital Limerick (0.5 WTE between both) and 0.3 WTE is employed through Agency.

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

Yours sincerely,

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