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Deputy Joanna Byrne  
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**Re: PQ 13888/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of ophthalmologists currently operating within public health services in Louth, the number of vacancies currently unfilled; and if she will make a statement on the matter – Joanna Byrne**

Dear Deputy Byrne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

In County Louth, The Health Service Executive (HSE) currently has 1 x 1.00 WTE Community Ophthalmology Physician located in Louth Community Care, Dublin Road Dundalk, Co. Louth and 1 x 1.00 WTE Orthoptist who is currently on Maternity Leave.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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