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Deputy Catherine Callaghan

Dáil Éireann

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Re: PQ 26749/25 - “To ask the Minister for Health the service available to service users in North Tipperary that suffer with Trichiasis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Callaghan,

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 confirmed that the Community Ophthalmology Service in Nenagh can provide short term treatment for service users diagnosed with Trichiasis. The Community Ophthalmology Service can only support a service user with short term treatment/management of the symptoms associated with the condition (e.g. cutting back of eyelashes) and not the treatment of the condition.

The Community Ophthalmologist has advised that Electrolysis is required to treat the condition and this has to be carried out in a hospital setting. I understand that University Hospital Limerick is currently the only hospital in the HSE Mid West area that can provide Electrolysis treatment for service users diagnosed with Trichiasis.

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

Yours sincerely,

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