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Mr. David Cullinane TD
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of Ophthalmologist vacancies in the South East; and her plans to fill them.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

I can confirm that there are currently two Consultant Medical Ophthalmologist vacancies in the South East, which include South Tipperary and Waterford.

South Tipperary

Following a process to fill the post, an appointment was made in July 2025. Unfortunately, however, the successful candidate has subsequently declined the post, prior to the commencement date. I wish to advise that this post was re-advertised on 11/09/2025 with a closing date for applications on Thursday, 25/09/2025.

Waterford

I can confirm that a candidate has been accepted to the position and pre-employment clearances are now complete. The candidate is due to take up the Waterford Consultant Medical Ophthalmology post in October 2025.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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