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Deputy McGettigan
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 45626/25 – To ask the Minister for Health whether all primary care eye teams are in full operation nationwide; to provide details of all primary care eye teams in operation and all PCETs that are not operational as of 14 August 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

-Donna McGettigan

Dear Deputy McGettigan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 45626/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Primary Care Eye Services have long been delivered by the HSE, with a strong focus on the management of children identified through the childhood screening pathway. Following a national review of eye services, a new model of care was proposed which recommended expanding the service to include community-delivered adult care, the development of multidisciplinary Primary Care Eye Teams (PCETs), and the appointment of Consultant Medical Ophthalmologists linked with acute hospital services.

Primary Care Eye Teams facilitate assessment, diagnoses, management and treatment and in some cases pre-op/post-op care enabling more patients to be seen in their own locality. Where necessary, patients can be referred onwards to acute Ophthalmology services to receive the necessary specialist input.

All areas have a Community based service in place, with many regions now well advanced in their reconfiguration and further developing in line with the eye review recommendations.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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