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Deputy Burke
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 2876/24 – To ask the Minister for Health if a community ophthalmic physician lead, reporting directly to the CHO Chief Officer, has been appointed to provide overall clinical governance for primary care eye services within the CHOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 2876/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Model of Care for Ophthalmology services includes the appointment of Consultant Medical Ophthalmologists working across both community and hospital settings. The role of these Consultants is to oversee the work of the integrated eye care teams in the management and treatment of patients, primarily within a community based setting but with the option of referral to an acute setting for specialist input as appropriate.

The appointment of Consultants to HSE Ophthalmology services continues in order to enhance cover at this level across CHO areas nationally.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Sean McArt

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