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Mr. Donnchadh O'Laoghaire T.D.

Re: Question no: 33629/24

*To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for ophthalmology in CUH and Mercy Hospital, broken down by whether they are waiting by 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months.

Dear Deputy O'Laoghaire,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. Ophthalmology Services have transferred to South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital since 1st July 2024.

We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The SIVUH Public Patient Inpatient/Daycase waiting list number, for all Ophthalmology procedures listed, across all wait time bands, without a procedure date, are as follows:

0 - 3 Mths	3 – 6 Mths	6 – 9 Mths	9 – 12 Mths	12 – 15 Mths	> 15 Mths	Grand Total
421	181	69	8	3	Nil	682

The out patient waiting list data is currently in transition and we do not have full access to the information as yet.

Once all of the data has been transferred we will revert regarding the outpatient waiting list time frames.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Ms Helen Donovan Chief Executive Officer