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Deputy O'Sullivan  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 21083/24 – To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 717 of 30 April 2024, the number of the integrated eye care teams that are not fully operational in each of the CHOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Pádraig O'Sullivan**

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Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 21083/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is currently in the process of implementing multidisciplinary Primary Care Eye Teams (PCET). These teams will facilitate assessment, diagnoses, management and treatment and in some cases pre-op/post-op care enabling most 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.

Primary Care Eye Teams continue to be rolled out nationally. To date, teams have been established in 6 of the 9 CHOs namely; CHO 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 9. Work is underway to establish teams in the remaining CHOs as well as further expanding the teams in the existing CHOs.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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