



13th June, 2024

Deputy Jim O'Callaghan, TD
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To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 584 of 8 May 2024, the areas in which the discharge scheme has commenced (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter

Details supplied - concerning the proposals in the national clinical programme for ophthalmology (and in particular the transfer of care of children aged 8+ years to local private optometrists)

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Ophthalmology on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

CHO Area	Over 8 Scheme in place	Eye Exam paid by Local Area
1	No	N/A
2	Yes	Yes
3	Yes	Yes
4 (Cork only)	Yes	Yes
5	No	N/A
6	No	N/A
7	Yes	No
8 (Meath only)	Yes	No
9	Yes	No

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

Yours sincerely

Anne Horgan
General Manager

