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Dear Deputy Rose Conway-Walsh TD  
Leinster House  
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**RE: PQ 44350/24**

**"To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that patients from Mayo are forced to travel to Galway University Hospital to see access optometry services required as a consequence of diabetes; if these services can be offered in Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter"**

Dear Deputy Rose Conway Walsh

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in Primary Care.

Adult and Paediatric Ophthalmology services are available in Mayo with centres in Belmullet, Swinford, Ballina and Castlebar Primary Care Centre. When the extension to Castlebar Primary Care Centre is completed in 2025 Mayo Ophthalmology will have a Diabetic Laser and Intravitreal Injection service which will eliminate the need for patients to travel to UCHG to access the Diabetic Ophthalmology Service.

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

Yours sincerely

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