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Deputy Michael Lowry TD  
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***PQ 42193/24 To ask the Minister for Health if the Cashel and Clonmel areas of County Tipperary are receiving community eye services as outlined in the primary eye care review completed in 2017; if not, the reason the services recommended in the review have not been established in these areas; when full community eye services will be restored to these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

***PQ 42194/24***

***To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in place for persons who are on the waiting list for community eye services in the Cashel and Clonmel area of County Tipperary; if individuals on the waiting list have been contacted to inform them that there is no longer an ophthalmologist in the area; if these cases will be referred to other ophthalmologists within the HSE, while waiting for full services to be restored; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

***PQ 42195/24***

***To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the community eye services in the Cashel and Clonmel area of County Tipperary have ceased operations due to the retirement of the ophthalmologist; if a recruitment campaign was initiated to find a replacement for the retired ophthalmologist; when a suitable candidate will be found to replace the retiree; when it is anticipated that the community eye services in Cashel and Clonmel will be fully reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.***

Dear Deputy,

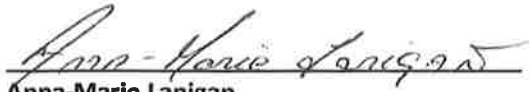
The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

I wish to advise that the post of the Primary Care South Tipperary Ophthalmologist has been approved for filling and is currently in the recruitment process. The provision of Community Ophthalmic services will continue in the South Tipperary Primary Care area once the replacement post of Ophthalmologist has been appointed.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna-Marie Lanigan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Anna-Marie Lanigan

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