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Deputy Tom Binet  
Minister for Health and Social Services

**BY EMAIL**

26th September 2024

Dear Minister,

**Re: Concerns regarding delays in cataracts operations for private patients**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel following a concern raised by a member of the public regarding the cataracts machine at the hospital, which is currently out of order.

It is understood that while patients in the public healthcare system are being offered a solution by being flown to Southampton for their operations, no such arrangements have been made for private patients. This has created a situation where private patients are left waiting indefinitely for the machine to be repaired.

We would request that clarification is provided publicly on the current status of cataract operations for both public and private patients and what steps are being taken to resolve the issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, we look forward to receiving a response **by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**. Please note that it is the intention to publish the response on the States Assembly website. Information can also be provided to the Panel in confidence by noting any information that should be treated as private and confidential and the reason(s).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Doublet'.

**Deputy Louise Doublet**  
**Chair, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel**