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Deputy Pearse Doherty,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ22477/19

"To ask the Minister for Health the reason the podiatrist post at Letterkenny University Hospital as part of diabetes services has yet to begin receiving referrals; when the post holder will take up the post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pearse Doherty"

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

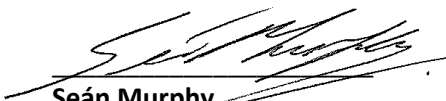
The replacement Diabetes Podiatrist post for the maternity leave cover was applied for in December 2018, and the position was offered to a candidate on the 21st February 2019.

This post is currently with HBS recruitment, it is one of a number of posts on hold during the current slow down in recruitment.

Letterkenny University Hospital local management in conjunction with Saolta Management are working to get approval for this post to be released as a matter of urgency.

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

Yours Sincerely,



Seán Murphy
General Manager
Letterkenny General Hospital