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To ask the Minister for Health his views on the importance of preventative medicine as part of the health strategy; the reason the annual podiatry clinics were not available in County Galway in 2019 (which are so important as part of the preventative health strategy for those with diabetes and other conditions that require such clinics to remain mobile and healthy); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó'Cuív,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE National Diabetes Programme, Model of Care for the Diabetic Foot (2011) provides for annual foot screening for low risk diabetic clients with the GP/Practice Nurse not with a podiatrist. If the risk status of the client changes then the GP refers them into local podiatry services.

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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