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Eamon Scanlon, TD Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

Re: PQ 42152/19 To ask the Minister for Health the plans and measure in place for increases in podiatry services in County Sligo; if the lack of services and facilities in Sligo town will be addressed.

Dear Deputy Scanlon,

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 Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response.

I wish to confirm that Podiatry Services are delivered in County Sligo as follows;

The highest-risk patients (those with active ulceration, infection and amputation) are seen within 1 to 2 weeks of referral. The remaining patients are offered an appointment in chronological order of the date the referral received by each Primary Care / Health Centre. The waiting list for Markievicz House, Sligo is currently 37 months. The waiting list is 5 months in Ballymote, 12 months in Cliffoney, and 5 months in Riverstown. There is no waiting list in Skreen or Enniscrone.

The Podiatry service in Markievicz House is currently moving from a 4 day week service to a 5 day week. In addition a Clinical Podiatry Manager has been appointed to the Podiatry Service in CHO1 and is expected to take up post in July 2020.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dermot Monaghan,

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