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Leinster House,  
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**PQ 3521/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care at the end of February 2020 or the latest date available by LHO; and the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form**

**-Stephen Donnelly**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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

Podiatry is one of a range of multi-disciplinary services provided through Primary Care in Community Healthcare Organisations. Podiatrists provide assessment, diagnosis and intervention programmes for people with lower-limb and foot-related problems. Access to podiatry is an important element of community based care for frail older people and people with chronic health conditions.

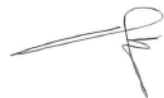
Please find attached Appendix 1 which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting list for Podiatry in community services as of January 2020 for patients aged 0 - 17. Please note that February waiting list data as requested will not be generated until the end of March.

The zeroes in many of the fields in the attached waiting list for Podiatry is reflective of the low level of demand for Podiatry services from this age cohort which results in low numbers on or no waiting lists in many areas. Our data shows that the vast majority of demand for Podiatry services is from older age cohorts particularly from patients aged 65 years and older.

The HSE is committed to the provision of high quality, safe and accessible community services for all children and eligible adults.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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Siobhán McArdle,  
Head of Operations Primary Care,  
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## Appendix 1: Podiatry - Number of Patients aged 0 to 17 years old waiting for treatment January 2020

CHO	Former LHO	0 - 4 Yrs 11 Months					5 - 17 Yrs 11 Months					TOTAL
		0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	0 - ≤ 12 weeks	>12 weeks - ≤ 26 weeks	>26 weeks but ≤ 39 weeks	>39 weeks but ≤ 52	> 52 weeks	
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Donegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
	<b>CHO1 Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
CHO 2	Galway	2	3	0	0	0	21	7	10	0	0	43
	Mayo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Roscommon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>CHO2 Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>
CHO 3	Clare	5	9	5	1	0	23	15	14	7	0	79
	Limerick	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	North Tipperary East Limerick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>CHO3 Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>
CHO 4	Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	North Lee	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	South Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	West Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>CHO4 Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Waterford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wexford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>CHO5 Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
CHO 6	Dublin South East	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>CHO6 Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
CHO 7	Dublin South City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin South West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kildare West Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>CHO7 Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Longford Westmeath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Meath	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	<b>CHO8 Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
CHO 9	Dublin North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin Nth Central	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Dublin North West	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>CHO9 Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>National Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>131</b>