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PQ 7802/20 – To ask the Minister for Health when diabetic and podiatry care will be provided in Summerhill primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Sean Haughey

Dear Deputy Haughey,

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 Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

While the general diabetes clinics are currently not in operation within the Summerhill Primary Care Centre, the following two diabetes programmes operate from the Centre:

- The GP practice located in the Summerhill Primary Care Centre runs a Diabetes clinic for the Mater Hospital catchment area. A Clinical Nurse Specialist for the National Clinical Care Programme for Diabetes, in conjunction with Dublin North City and County Primary Care, attends to patients of the practice onsite. They deliver 1:1 services to those with Type Two diabetes and provide a link between the GP in primary care and secondary care - links with the Endocrinologists and Hospital Diabetes staff / Diabetes Day Care Unit.
- A Clinical Nurse Specialist for Diabetes in conjunction with the Dietitian for Diabetes (National Clinical Care programmes) run a structured patient education programme - DESMOND (Diabetes Education and Self-Management for On-going and Newly Diagnosed) in the Centre. This programme is open to all service users with Type 2 Diabetes, however is currently on hold in its group format due to Covid-19 restrictions.

There is no Podiatry service operating from Summerhill PCC at present. There is currently one Diabetes Podiatry post in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County which covers the Beaumont/Dublin North area catchment.

There are no immediate plans for expansion of diabetic and podiatry care at Summerhill Primary Care Centre.

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,

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