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**To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding podiatry services provided by the HSE in County Wexford; the status of the service going forward; the number of persons on the waiting list for the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

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

*I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.*

Due to Covid-19, on resuming podiatry services, guidelines on social distancing and infection control must be observed. Wexford Community Podiatry is currently seeing P1 (actively ulcerated patients) and P2.1 (previous ulcerated/amputated patients) existing patients and new P1 patients.

The service recommenced P2.2 (high risk of ulceration and amputation) from week of 10th August 2020 as per the capacity allows.

All P1 diabetics are being referred to the hospital service as per the Model of Care as podiatry services for Wexford are also provided at Wexford General Hospital.

At present there are 855 clients awaiting podiatry services in Co. Wexford.

Please be assured that the HSE podiatry service monitors the waiting list on an ongoing basis in the overall context of available resources and prioritisation criteria.

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

Yours sincerely,

  
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