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“To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the allocation to a group (details supplied) in order that it can meet the demand for essential orthotics and footwear; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: the Cork Kerry Community Health Care and Footwear Resource Allocation Group (RAG)

Dear Deputy Stanton,

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.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) holds a monthly Orthotics and Footwear Resource Allocation Group (RAG) meeting to clinically review circa 100 - 120 applications received on behalf of children and adults from Community, Acute and eight Voluntary Service Providers. Representatives from these groups submit prescriptions which are prioritised and waitlisted by healthcare professionals based on clinical need.

The Orthotics Resource Allocation Group has a monthly core budget used to prioritise and sanction urgent applications that are presented. Any balance of funding, available after urgent applications are sanctioned, is used to take applications off the waiting list. Details of the waiting list are provided to management monthly and appropriate requests for additional funding are made. It is accepted that the need far outweighs the budget and we work with the finance department to make a business case for an increase to core funding annually.

If I can be of further assistance please feel free to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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