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**PQ 21233/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health when chiropody services will be made available in Tuam primary care centre, Tuam, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

A Chiropody/Podiatry service has been based in Tuam Primary Care Centre for over 2 years now. During the original COVID restrictions in March 2020, Tuam became the service Hub for 7 months as Unit 3 in Merlin Park was taken over for COVID related duties.

The majority of services offered in Tuam are targeted at Diabetic clients at the moment as part of a Sláintecare project.

This will move to a more general podiatry service with 1.0 WTE chiropodist/podiatrist post dedicated to the care of the clients in the Tuam, Athenry, Loughrea Community Health Network starting in June/July 2021, dependent on the time to complete the recruitment process .

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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