

1st March 2020

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Re: PQ 12385/21 – Podiatry service, WGH

“To ask the Minister for Health the status of a full-time podiatrist position in Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the podiatry service in Wexford General Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that Wexford General Hospital have two permanent senior podiatrist posts. Both posts were recently advertised. Unfortunately, Wexford General Hospital were unable to fill these positions.

A temporary basic grade podiatrist was appointed a couple of years ago due to inability to fill this post at senior level. However, this temporary employee has recently vacated the post to take up a new position elsewhere. Wexford General Hospital are liaising with agencies to temporarily fill one post and the hospital hope to recruit in early March. In addition, it is also planned to advertise both permanent senior posts again.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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