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## PQ 22841/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE chiropodists currently providing services in County Mayo; the areas within the county they cover; the number of vacant positions there are currently; the timeline is for filling these vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

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.

There is currently a 1.0 WTE Chiropodist / Podiatrist providing services to P1 (high risk) clients in Mayo. This service is based in Castlebar.

Once COVID restrictions ease some of the private practitioners in Mayo will do some sessional work for the HSE, and will return to providing services that equate to 0.8 WTE Chiropodist / Podiatrist in Clairemorris, Achill, and Erris.

A 1.0 WTE Chiropodist / Podiatrist vacancy exists in East Mayo Primary Care Network (Castlebar, Claremorris, Kiltimagh, Ballyhaunis) and it is expected that this post will be filled before the end of June 2021.

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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Mary Warde, Head of Primary Care Services, **Community Healthcare West**