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**To ask the Minister for Health when community chiropody services will reopen in the Belmullet area; when community chiropody services will reopen in Mayo University Hospital; the alternative interim public chiropody services that are available to medical card holders in County Mayo while both these services are closed; 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.

The Podiatry services in Belmullet was previously provided by a private practitioner on behalf of the HSE.

As part of the Enhanced Community Care programme a full time senior podiatrist post has been approved for North Mayo Primary Care Network. This has been prioritised by recruitment.

There is currently a Senior Podiatrist providing Chiropody Services in Castlebar Primary Care Centre and any urgent referrals can be sent there.

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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