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29th April 2022

PQ REF 20893/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time podiatrist working in each primary care centres in CHO area 9 in the years of 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter – *David Cullinane TD*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) has the following Podiatrists in positions in Chronic Disease Management (CDM). It should be noted that while podiatry services have been included as part of the Diabetes Integrated Care programme as part of the rollout of the chronic disease hubs, this service is not available generally within Primary Care services in CHO DNCC. There has been one podiatrist in post from 2017, and we are in the process of recruiting 11 additional posts for Diabetes Integrated Care through Enhanced Community Care funding.

Dublin North Hub linked to Beaumont Hospital covering 5 Network areas: Coolock, Coastal, Kilbarrack, Swords and Balbriggan.

Year	Grade	WTE	Location
2021	Podiatrist	1.6	Coolock Primary Care Centre
	Podiatrist	.4	Balbriggan Primary Care Centre
2022	Podiatrist	1.6	Coolock Primary Care Centre
	Podiatrist	.4	Balbriggan Primary Care Centre
July 2022 due to commence with HSE	Podiatrist	0.8	Coolock Primary Care Centre

Dublin North City Hub linked to Mater Hospital covers 4 network areas: North Inner City, Cabra, Clontarf and Ballymun.

Year	Grade	WTE	Location
2021	Podiatrist	1.0	Cabra Primary Care Health Centre
2022	Podiatrist	1.0	Cabra Primary Care Health Centre

Dublin North West Hub linked to Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown covering 3 networks: Blanchardstown, Blakestown and Finglas,

Year	Grade	WTE	Location
2021	Podiatrist	1.0	Blanchardstown Primary Care Centre
2022	Podiatrist	1.0	Blanchardstown Primary Care Centre

A recent panel has been created and we anticipate to further increase podiatry capacity across CHO DNCC specific to Diabetes Integrated care.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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