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**Deputy Thomas Pringle,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

**PQ 10327/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of staff working in podiatry services for persons with diabetes in each CHO area in each of the years 2010 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**–Thomas Pringle**

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Dear Deputy Pringle,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 10327/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Detailed information on number of HSE staff grades is publically available and can be found at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/>. The HSE reports staffing data by staff category on a monthly basis including data for Podiatrists & Chiropodists. However, it does not capture data on the numbers of Podiatrists & Chiropodists that would work with persons with diabetes or any other specific conditions.

The latest available staffing data is at January 2022 when there were 55 Podiatrists & Chiropodists Whole Time Equivalent (WTEs) in Primary Care across the Community Health Organisations. The 55 Podiatrists & Chiropodists at January 2022 represents an increase of 25 WTEs since December 2020.

The HSE has been working on developing a national standardised podiatry service across the country. This is being developed with the recruitment of podiatrist positions in the community health networks as well as specialist podiatrists to provide care to the persons diagnosed with diabetes. The HSE are also committed to developing appropriate governance structures throughout the country to meet the needs of the population.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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